

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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August 2, 2006

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 600
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 221
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

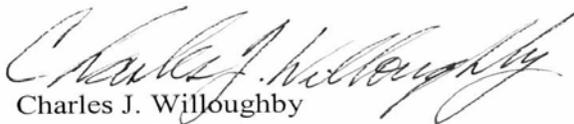
This report is to inform you of the results of an investigation that was conducted by D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Director of Investigations Karen Meunier, OIG Special Agent Bernadette Todd-Atwater, and Federal Bureau of Investigations Special Agents Andrew Benjamin and Eric Paris, concerning Vicki Whitmire-Shaw, Investigator, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). Whitmire-Shaw was extorting money from businesses in exchange for overlooking non-compliance issues.

This investigation revealed that Whitmire-Shaw accepted bribes from local businesses after informing them of violations of municipal regulations, in exchange for not issuing infraction notices.

On March 31, 2006, Whitmire-Shaw pled guilty before the Honorable Royce C. Lamberth, Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, to one count of bribery. On July 21, 2006, Judge Lamberth sentenced Whitmire-Shaw to 18 months incarceration and 2 years supervised release.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Leonard C. Odom, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2005-0231.

Sincerely,


Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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