

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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June 7, 2007

The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Fenty:

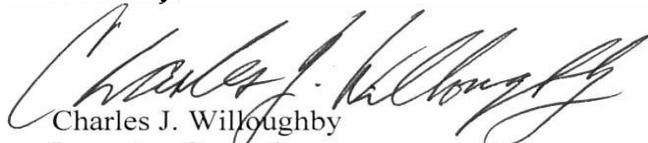
This report is to inform you of the results of an investigation that was conducted by Special Agent D.W. Anderson of this Office and the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General, concerning Cassandra Wheeler, a District of Columbia resident who fraudulently received Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits and Social Security Income (SSI).

The investigation revealed that Wheeler obtained TANF and SSI benefits on behalf of her disabled son from October 1998 through March 2006. Wheeler's disabled son was in the care of his biological father during this time.

On March 28, 2007, Wheeler pled guilty to one count of First Degree Theft, in violation of D.C. Code § 22-3221. On May 30, 2007, District of Columbia Superior Court Judge Brian Holeman sentenced Wheeler to 1 year probation, 60 days in a halfway house, 40 hours of community service. Judge Holeman ordered Wheeler to make a restitution payment of \$6,000 and pay a \$400 special assessment fee.

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 2007-0008.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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