

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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February 2, 2007

The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Room 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Fenty:

The Washington Teachers Union (WTU) Local 6 is a collective bargaining unit for 5,000 teachers, guidance counselors, librarians, and other school professionals employed by or retired from the District of Columbia Public Schools. Barbara A. Bullock, former WTU President, pled guilty in 2003 to mail fraud and conspiracy. Bullock, in a scheme which caused the theft of over \$4 million in union funds, received a 9-year federal prison sentence. In May 2006, Gwendolyn M. Hemphill, former Executive Assistant to Bullock, received an 11-year prison sentence, and in June 2006, her co-defendant and former WTU Treasurer, James O. Baxter II, received a 10-year prison sentence for assisting Bullock. The embezzlement scheme was carried out with the assistance of five additional individuals, which included Cheryl Martin, Hemphill's daughter; Michael W. Martin, Hemphill's son-in-law; Errol Alderman, a friend of Hemphill's son-in-law; Leroy Holmes, Bullock's chauffeur; and union accountant Robin J. Klein.

On January 23, 2007, Bullock was re-sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Richard J. Leon. Bullock, who was initially sentenced to a 9-year prison term, received a 2 ½ year reduction because of her acceptance of responsibility for the crime and for her cooperation in providing evidence to prosecute the other defendants. Bullock was re-sentenced to a 6 ½ year prison term and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,622,124. After her release from prison, Bullock will complete 3 years of probation, of which the first 6 months will be electronically monitored home detention, and 1,000 hours of community service.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James W. Cooper, Anthony M. Alexis, and Jeannie S. Rhee. If you need 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 Office of the Inspector General Control Number 2003-0075.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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