

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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August 21, 2008

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

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

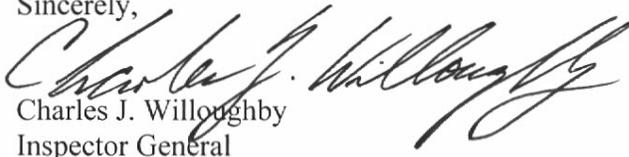
Dear Mayor Fenty:

This report is to inform you of the recent sentencing of two participants in a bribery scheme in which former Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) employee, Patricia Gonzalez, accepted thousands of dollars in bribes in exchange for fraudulently issuing more than 200 drivers' licenses (DL) to ineligible foreign nationals. On May 13, 2008, Ms. Gonzalez pled guilty to Receipt of a Bribe by a Public Official and was sentenced on August 14, 2008, to 18 months in prison, 24 months of supervised release, and 240 hours of community service for accepting bribes from several persons. Gloria Gonzalez-Paz, one of the persons who paid bribes to Ms. Gonzalez, pled guilty on May 13, 2008, to Bribery of a Public Official and on August 12, 2008, was sentenced to 24 months in prison, 36 months of supervised release, and 250 hours of community service.

The investigation, which was conducted by Special Agent (SA) Teddy Clark, D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and SAs Sean Ryan and Albert Tenuta, Federal Bureau of Investigation, revealed that from August 2006 through January 2008, Ms. Gonzalez issued facially valid DLs to ineligible individuals without verifying their name, social security number, immigration status, or D.C. residency. Ms. Gonzalez also failed to ensure that the individuals had completed the DMV visual, knowledge, and road skills tests. Ms. Gonzalez, who had worked for the DMV since 2002, was terminated from the DMV in April 2008.

If you need any additional information, please call me or Stacie Pittell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2007-0468.

Sincerely,


Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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