

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



November 17, 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:

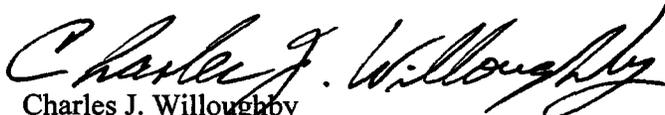
This report is to inform you of the recent sentencing of Jacqueline Wright, a Revenue Officer in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), who, working with Michael Clark, a private citizen, obtained \$184,021.03 in tax refunds by filing a fraudulent 2006 D.C. income tax return.

On August 16, 2008, Ms. Wright pled guilty to one count of Mail Fraud. On November 17, 2008, Ms. Wright was sentenced to 15 months in prison, 3 years of probation, and payment of \$184,021.23 in restitution.

The investigation, which was conducted by former Special Agent Thomas Gibson of the D.C. Office of Inspector General (OIG) working jointly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, revealed that Ms. Wright filed a fictitious 2006 D.C. income tax return for Mr. Clark, which resulted in the issuance of six fraudulent tax refund checks totaling \$184,021.03. Mr. Clark and Ms. Wright shared this money. This scheme would have continued unabated for the 2007 tax year had OTR not established a new policy mandating the flagging and review of income tax refunds in excess of \$10,000.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Stacie Pittell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2008-0259.

Sincerely,


Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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