

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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April 8, 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 results of an investigation that was conducted by Special Agent Bryan D. Chase, D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), concerning Renee Heard, a former District of Columbia government employee.

This investigation revealed that Ms. Heard was employed at the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) from January 2002 to June 2004, and at the D.C. Department of Health (DOH) from February 2006 to May 2006. While employed as a District government employee, Ms. Heard simultaneously collected federal worker's compensation based on total disability. When Ms. Heard applied for her position at the DOH, she submitted a District of Columbia government job application, whereby she falsified her response to receiving or applying for retirement pay, pension, or other pay, based on District of Columbia government or federal civilian or military service.

On August 24, 2006, agents from the OIG and U.S. Department of Labor interviewed Ms. Heard. During the interview, Ms. Heard admitted that she received wages from the District of Columbia government and workers' compensation benefits, simultaneously, from approximately January 2002 to June 2004 and February 2006 to May 2006. Ms. Heard also admitted that she knowingly falsified answers on a federal claim for compensation form by reporting that her period of lost wages was from December 29, 2000, to July 1, 2003; however, Ms. Heard was employed at the DPR during a portion of this time frame.

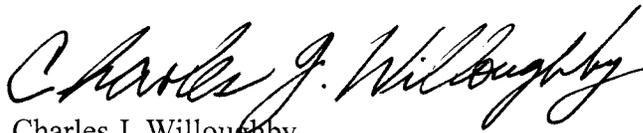
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As a result of Ms. Heard's false statements on the District government job application and the Federal claim for compensation form, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs paid Ms. Heard \$47,803.12 in excess compensation from January 2002 to June 27, 2004, and from February 20, 2006, to May 14, 2006.

On January 10, 2008, Ms. Heard pled guilty to one count of False Statements or Fraud to Obtain Federal Employees Compensation. On March 20, 2008, the Honorable Paul L. Friedman, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, sentenced Ms. Heard to 4 years probation (6 months home detention), and ordered her to pay \$47,803 in restitution (payments of at least \$250 a month) and a \$100 special assessment court fee.

If you need additional information, please call me or Alfred Miller, Interim Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2006-0082.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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