

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Inspector General**

Inspector General



October 6, 2009

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 recent sentencing of Charles Brown, a former Department of Human Services (DHS), Income Maintenance Administration (IMA) employee, who participated in a scheme to process fraudulent food stamp benefits applications in exchange for cash and drugs. On August 31, 2009, Mr. Brown pled guilty to one count each of Fraud in Obtaining Public Assistance, Unlawful Food Stamp Usage, False Representations, and Conspiracy to Commit a Crime. On September 22, 2009, Mr. Brown was sentenced to 6 months supervised probation for each count, and ordered to pay \$240 in restitution.

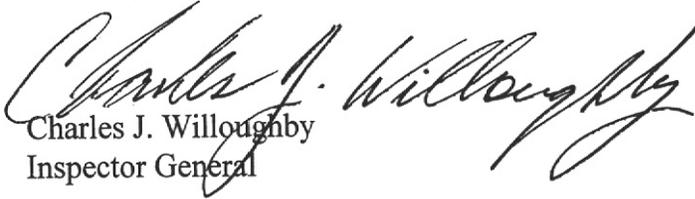
This investigation, which was conducted by Special Agent Bernadette Todd-Atwater, District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General, revealed that between January 2004 and April 2006, Mr. Brown used his position as a Social Service Representative at the DHS Fort Davis Service Center to obtain approximately \$10,000 in food stamp benefits in the names of other people. Mr. Brown, who fraudulently processed applications for benefits in exchange for cash and drugs, was terminated from DHS in December 2006.

Previously, Mr. Brown was convicted after trial of two counts of Fraud in Obtaining Public Assistance; two counts of Unlawful Food Stamp Usage; five counts of False Representation; one count of Identity Theft; and one count of Conspiracy to Commit a Crime in connection with his participation in a welfare fraud scheme. In August 2008, Mr. Brown was sentenced to 5 years and 360 days incarceration, which was suspended except for 660 days and 60 months supervised probation, and ordered to pay \$9,556 in restitution.

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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 2006-0214.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Willoughby  
Inspector General

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