

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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December 22, 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 additional participants in the bribery scheme in which former Department of Motor Vehicles (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. The 10 people recently sentenced illegally paid money to another participant of the scheme, who in turn, bribed Ms. Gonzalez with a portion of those funds, were foreign nationals who received DLs even though they were ineligible to do so.

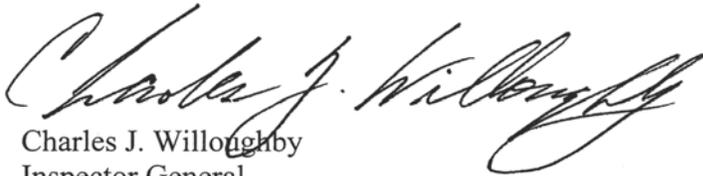
The investigation, which was conducted by Special Agent (SA) Teddy Clark, D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and SAs Sean Ryan and Albert Tenuta, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), revealed that from August 2006 through January 16, 2008, Ms. Gonzalez issued facially valid DLs to ineligible 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.

All 10 participants previously pled guilty to Fraud in the Second Degree and were sentenced in December 2008 to probation. Seven of the 10, Oscar Armando Orellana, Rene Molina-Pruna, Violeta Del Orbe Mercedes, Francisco Fernandez Rivas, Damaris Herrera, Jose Blanco Rivera, and Sebastian Miguel Gomez, were sentenced to 18 months of probation. The remaining three, Marina Concepcion Montiel, Elvia Lizette Bonilla, and Rene Garcia, were sentenced to 12 months of probation.

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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 2007-0468.

Sincerely,



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Inspector General

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