

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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February 19, 2009

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 three additional participants in a bribery scheme in which former Department of Motor Vehicles employee, Patricia Gonzalez, accepted thousands of dollars in bribes in exchange for fraudulently issuing more than 200 drivers' licenses (DL) to ineligible foreign nationals. Antonio Contreras, Jose E. Iraheta, and Hugo Umanzor illegally paid money to another participant of the scheme, who in turn bribed Ms. Gonzalez with a portion of those funds, to allow each of them to fraudulently obtain a DL.

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.

On August 13, 2008, Mr. Contreras pled guilty to Fraud in the Second Degree and was sentenced on January 13, 2009, to 12 months of probation. On August 27, 2008, Mr. Iraheta pled guilty to Fraud in the Second Degree and was sentenced on February 2, 2009, to 18 months of probation. On September 24, 2008, Mr. Umanzor pled guilty to Fraud in the Second Degree and was sentenced on February 6, 2009, 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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