

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
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July 30, 2010

The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty  
Mayor  
District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 four 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. Marcial Lemus, Rosa Mejia, Noe Fuentes, and Carlos Berrios paid money to Ms. Gonzalez to fraudulently obtain a DL.

The investigation, which was conducted by D.C. Office of the Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, revealed that from August 2006 through January 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. Ms. Gonzalez, who had worked for the DMV since 2002, was terminated from the DMV in April 2008.

On March 3, 2010, Mr. Lemus pled guilty to Fraud in the Second Degree and was sentenced on June 25, 2010, to 24 months of probation. On April 14, 2010, Ms. Mejia pled guilty to Fraud in the Second Degree and was sentenced on July 1, 2010, to 180 days in prison (suspended) and 24 months of probation. On April 23, 2010, Mr. Fuentes pled guilty to Bribery and was sentenced on July 2, 2010, to 24 months of probation. On April 13, 2010, Mr. Berrios pled guilty to Bribery and was sentenced on July 2, 2010, to 6 months of home detention with 24 months of supervised release.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles J. Willoughby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Charles J. Willoughby  
Inspector General

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