

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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May 18, 2010

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. Gregorio Turcios and Juan Molina paid money to another participant in the scheme, who in turn bribed Ms. Gonzalez with a portion of those funds, to allow each of them to obtain a fraudulent DL. Castulo Hernandez paid money to Ms. Gonzalez to fraudulently obtain a DL and referred other foreign nationals to another participant in the scheme so that they could obtain fraudulent DLs.

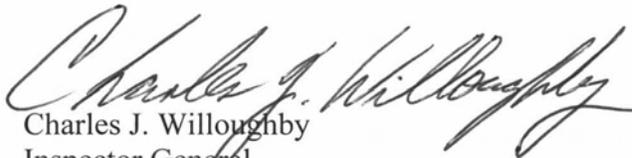
The investigation, which was conducted by D.C. Office of the Inspector General and Federal Bureau of Investigation, revealed that from August 2006 through January 2008, Ms. Gonzalez issued facially valid DLs to ineligible individuals without verifying their name, social security number, immigration status, 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 November 2, 2009, Mr. Turcios pled guilty to Fraud in the Second Degree and was sentenced on April 14, 2010, to 180 days in prison (suspended) and 24 months of probation. On December 14, 2009, Mr. Molina pled guilty to Fraud in the Second Degree and was sentenced on April 20, 2010, to 180 days in prison (suspended) and 12 months of probation. On December 8, 2009, Mr. Hernandez pled guilty to Payment of Gratuity and was sentenced on May 6, 2010, to 180 days of home detention and 36 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,



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Inspector General

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