

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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September 28, 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 plea and sentencing of Karen Wimbush, an employee of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), who fraudulently obtained Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits from the D.C. Department of Employment Services.

On September 24, 2010, Ms. Wimbush pled guilty to First Degree Fraud and was sentenced to 180 days incarceration (suspended), 5 years of probation, and payment of \$5,803.00 in restitution.

The investigation, which was conducted by Special Agent Michele Carter, D.C. Office of the Inspector General, revealed that Ms. Wimbush fraudulently obtained UI benefits while employed with OSSE. During the period of June 2006 to December 2006, Ms. Wimbush fraudulently received \$5,803.00 in UI benefits.

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 2010-0009.

Sincerely,


Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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