

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



August 9, 2011

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
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 Gray:

This report is to inform you that on August 5, 2011, a U.S. District Court judge sentenced Cheryl Ferrara, a former Deputy Assistant Inspector General for the Audit Division, D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), to 180 days of incarceration (suspended), 12 months of probation, and 100 hours of community service for helping Anurak Duangphut falsify D.C. residency to obtain a District job, and improperly using money from the Association of Inspectors General (AIG). The court also ordered Ms. Ferrara to pay \$1,000 in fines.

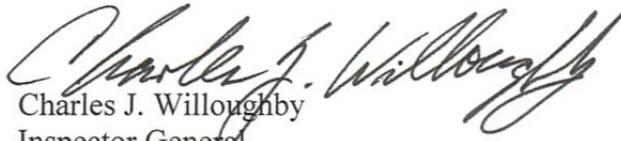
The investigation revealed that Ms. Ferrara helped Ms. Duangphut create and submit false documents, including a lease, in support of a District employment application, which stated that Ms. Duangphut resided in the District when, in fact, she resided in Maryland. Ms. Duangphut claimed residency preference and was hired to work at the OIG as a Staff Assistant, effective March 17, 2008. In addition, the investigation determined that Ms. Ferrara, the AIG Treasurer, used the AIG bank account to further the residency scheme and for personal purposes. Ms. Ferrara pled guilty on March 18, 2011, to False Statements and Fraud in the Second Degree.

Ms. Duangphut, who was terminated from her position with the OIG, effective March 29, 2010, was also prosecuted, pled guilty to False Statements, and was sentenced in 2010 for her participation in the residency scheme.

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If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Stacie Pittell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2010-0083.

Sincerely,



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Inspector General

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