

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



October 15, 2014

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 letter is to inform you that on September 3, 2014,¹ a United States District Court judge sentenced Catyondia Ballard, a former Revenue Officer, D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue, to 48 days of intermittent incarceration (16 consecutive weekends), 5 years of probation, and 180 days of location monitoring for embezzling funds from Samuel Sherman, who is now deceased. In addition, the court ordered Ms. Ballard to pay restitution in the amount of \$114,166.30 to Mr. Sherman's estate.

Special Agent Bernadette Todd of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted the investigation. The investigation revealed that from March 2007 through April 2010, Ms. Ballard fraudulently embezzled \$114,166.30 from Mr. Sherman, by establishing automatic payments for her mortgage from Mr. Sherman's account. After the investigation, on May 30, 2014, Ms. Ballard pled guilty to one count of wire fraud.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Brian T. Sweeney, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2011-0214.

Sincerely,



Blanche L. Bruce
Interim Inspector General

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¹ Ms. Ballard's original sentencing date was August 22, 2014; however, upon receiving her sentence, her attorney requested additional time for Ms. Ballard to make arrangements for her incarceration. As a result, this matter was continued. According to Richard Dizzeno, Assistant United States Attorney, Ms. Ballard was "officially" sentenced on September 3, 2014.