

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



September 8, 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 report is to inform you that on August 27, 2014, the Honorable Thomas F. Hogan of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia sentenced Sakinah M. Smith, a member of the public, to 24 months of incarceration, 36 months of supervised release, and restitution in the amount of \$132,286.70. On May 22, 2014, Ms. Smith pled guilty to one count of Wire Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

Special Agent Alex Zion of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), along with agents from the U.S. Department of Labor OIG, conducted the investigation. The investigation revealed that from October 2009 through July 2012, Ms. Smith stole the identities of numerous individuals and fraudulently obtained more than \$80,000 in unemployment insurance benefits from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and New York. In addition, while Ms. Smith was working for a temporary employment agency in the District of Columbia, she wired \$52,175 from an employer's bank account to accounts she created for herself.

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 2011-0570.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Blanche L. Bruce". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Blanche L. Bruce
Interim Inspector General

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