

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Inspector General**

Inspector General



November 18, 2013

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Mayor  
District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 316  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: **Significant Activity Report**

Dear Mayor Gray:

This report is to inform you that on November 8, 2013, a United States District Court for the District of Columbia judge sentenced Marlene Merchant, former Administrative Assistant, United Medical Center (UMC), Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation (NFPHC), to 1 year and 1 day of incarceration, and 36 months of supervised release for devising a scheme to defraud the District through fraudulent overtime payments. In addition, the court ordered Ms. Merchant to pay \$335,663.48 in restitution.

Special Agent John DiGravio and former Special Agent Anthony McGail of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General conducted the investigation. The investigation revealed that from October 28, 2002, to April 8, 2013, Ms. Merchant stole \$335,663.48 of District funds from UMC, NFPHC. After the investigation, on August 20, 2013, Ms. Merchant pled guilty to Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds, a felony.

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 2013-0314.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles J. Willoughby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles J. Willoughby  
Inspector General

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