

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



July 11, 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 June 6, 2014, a United States District Court judge sentenced Aretha Holland-Jackson, a former employee of the District of Columbia Department of Human Services (DHS), to 20 months of incarceration and 3 years of supervised release for defrauding DHS. In addition, the court ordered Ms. Holland-Jackson to pay joint and several restitution in the amount of \$783,876 with her sister, Allison Holland.

Special Agent Michele Carter of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General conducted the investigation along with a detective from the Metropolitan Police Department. The investigation revealed that on or about February 2011 until September 2013, Ms. Holland-Jackson conspired with Ms. Holland, a member of the public, to commit wire fraud and fraudulently obtained \$783,876 in funds allocated to the District's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance programs. After the investigation, on February 14, 2014, Ms. Holland-Jackson pled guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Commit 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 2013-0571.

Sincerely,

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

Blanche L. Bruce
Interim Inspector General

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