GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



October 12, 2010

The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty 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 Fenty:

This report is to inform you of the recent plea and sentencing of Regina Permenter, a member of the public, who participated in a scheme to negotiate stolen District and U.S. Treasury checks. As part of the scheme, Ms. Permenter used fraudulent forms of government identification bearing the names, addresses, and dates of birth of the intended recipients of the checks.

On July 21, 2010, Ms. Permenter pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud. On October 7, 2010, Ms. Permenter was sentenced to 36 months of probation and payment of \$3,658.73 in restitution.

The investigation was conducted jointly by Senior Special Agent Derek Savoy, D.C. Office of the Inspector General, Postal Inspector Christopher Saunders, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Special Agent Levar Perkins, United States Secret Service, and Special Agent Karma Knight, U.S. Postal Service Office of the Inspector General. The investigation revealed that between May 2008 and February 2010, Ms. Permenter fraudulently negotiated four District government checks totaling \$3,658.73, intended for individuals receiving foster care subsidies.

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If you need any additional information, please call me or Stacie Pittell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2009-0223.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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