

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

Inspector General



July 19, 2016

The Honorable Muriel E. Bowser  
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 Bowser:

This letter is to inform you that on July 19, 2016, a U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia judge sentenced Vernita M. Greenfield, a former customer services representative for the District of Columbia's Department of Public Works, to 3 years of probation on a federal charge stemming from a scheme in which she accepted more than \$35,000 in bribes in return for giving favorable treatment to a towing company. In addition, the court ordered a \$35,000 forfeiture.

The joint D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigation revealed that on or about July 1, 2011, Ms. Greenfield and an owner of a towing company came to an agreement in that the owner would deposit between \$200 and \$500 per week into Ms. Greenfield's bank account. In exchange, Ms. Greenfield agreed to divert rotational towing assignments from other companies, thereby increasing the weekly towing assignments and profits for the company paying Ms. Greenfield. From July 2011 through May 2013, the towing company's owner provided Ms. Greenfield with more than 60 such payments, totaling \$35,300. During this period, Ms. Greenfield diverted over 450 towing assignments to the company to which it was not entitled, depriving other companies of this valuable business.

On November 23, 2015, Ms. Greenfield was arrested by the FBI and OIG at her office. On May 5, 2016, pled guilty to a charge of receipt of a bribe by a public official in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 201.

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If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Martin J. Kenney, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2013-0153.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Lucas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel W. Lucas  
Inspector General

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