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**LOCAL WOMAN SENTENCED FOR FRAUD AFTER  
SUBMITTING FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTATION**

*Washington, D.C.* – On December 7, 2016, Ms. Ashaunti Harris, pled guilty to one count of Second Degree Felony Fraud and was sentenced to 365 days of incarceration (364 days suspended), 1 year of supervised release (suspended), 5 years of supervised probation and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$22,187.35.

A D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation revealed that from June 21, 2011, through September 2012, Ms. Harris engaged in a scheme to defraud the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education by submitting fraudulent documentation to obtain subsidized childcare benefits.

Inspector General Daniel W. Lucas would like to commend the members of the Investigations Unit for their efforts in conducting this investigation.

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