

# Former Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Employee Sentenced for Receiving Bribes

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WASHINGTON, DC - On July 13, 2016, Lucretia B. Barksdale, former Contact Representative Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), was sentenced by the Honorable Amit Mehta, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, to 3 years of probation, to include 180 days of home confinement and location monitoring, after pleading guilty to one felony count of Receipt of a Bribe by a Public Official. In addition, the court ordered Ms. Barksdale to complete 80 hours of community service and to pay a special assessment of \$100.00.

A joint investigation conducted by the DC Office of the Inspector General (OIG), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and DCRA found Barksdale, on at least two occasions, misused her official position to extort money from customers seeking business licenses and construction-related permits in the District. Barksdale illegally issued construction permits to a Confidential Human Source for money she kept for her personal use.

Inspector General Daniel W. Lucas commented on the sentencing noting that, “these activities will not be tolerated in the District. My Office is committed to ensuring that District regulations are followed, the District’s limited resources are used effectively, and people who act against the District’s interests and engage in fraudulent behavior are brought to justice.”

IG Lucas also commends the efforts of those who investigated this case, including OIG Special Agent Elliott Taylor, FBI Special Agents John McNair, Preetham Rao, and Jennifer Schnick, and employees of DCRA. In addition, he expresses appreciation to Assistant US Attorneys Lionel André and Michelle Bradford for their work in prosecuting the case.