

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



May 30, 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 April 24, 2014, a U.S. District Court judge sentenced Monique Murdock, a member of the public, to 9 months of incarceration, 3 years of supervised release, 4 months of home detention, and 300 hours of community service for embezzling funds from Nia Public Charter School (Nia) and the United States Department of Defense (DOD). In addition, the court ordered Ms. Murdock to pay restitution in the amount of \$40,773.92 to be split between the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) and DOD.

Special Agent Bernadette Todd of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted the investigation, along with agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the DOE OIG. The investigation revealed that from March 2008 through August 2008, Ms. Murdock fraudulently embezzled \$29,000 in charter school funds from Nia. After the investigation, on November 13, 2013, Ms. Murdock pled guilty to one count of Theft From a Program Receiving Federal Funds. As part of her guilty plea, Ms. Murdock also admitted to making unauthorized purchases with a government-issued purchase card while employed at DOD.

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 2009-0241.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Blanche L. Bruce".

Blanche L. Bruce
Interim Inspector General

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