

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



September 24, 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 September 12, 2014, a District of Columbia Superior Court judge sentenced Denise Riccardo, a member of the public, to 6 months incarceration (suspended), 1 year supervised release (suspended), and 5 years supervised probation for fraudulently obtaining unemployment insurance (UI) benefits from the D.C. Department of Employment Services (DOES). In addition, the Court ordered Ms. Riccardo to pay restitution in the amount of \$24,628.

Special Agent Emmitt Garner of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted the investigation. The investigation revealed that from April 24, 2010, through July 30, 2011, Ms. Riccardo filed false weekly claims with DOES and received UI benefits while concurrently working and earning wages. On July 1, 2014, Ms. Riccardo pled guilty to one count of Fraud in the Second Degree.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Brian T. Sweeney, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2014-0068.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Blanche L. Bruce". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Blanche L. Bruce
Interim Inspector General

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