



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY CONCERNING AN  
INVESTIGATION INTO MISCONDUCT  
VIOLATIONS BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**2011-0571 (S)**

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**INVESTIGATIVE SYNOPSIS**

The District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has completed an investigation, which revealed that a District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) employee improperly used a District of Columbia (D.C.) disability placard to obtain free parking in the vicinity of her District of Columbia work place.

During the investigation, OIG investigators conducted surveillances of the OCFO employee's vehicles,<sup>1</sup> and reviewed records obtained from the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) regarding the D.C. registration tags assigned to the OCFO employee's vehicles and the D.C. disability placard. OIG investigators also interviewed the OCFO employee.

The investigation revealed that the D.C. disability placard had been issued by D.C. DMV to the OCFO employee's husband. Between August 2011 and December 2011, OIG investigators conducted six surveillances during which the OCFO employee's vehicles<sup>2</sup> were observed parked in the vicinity of 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., at metered parking spaces, with the D.C. disability placard hanging from the rearview mirror. On each of the six occasions, OIG investigators observed both the parking meter and dashboard of the OCFO employee's vehicle and saw that the OCFO employee had made no payment for the use of the parking space.

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<sup>1</sup> The OCFO employee and her husband co-owned a vehicle, which bore a D.C. registration tag. The OCFO employee owned an additional vehicle, which bore a D.C. registration tag. The surveillances were conducted on August 17, 2011, August 25, 2011, September 15, 2011, December 1, 2011, December 20, 2011, and December 22, 2011. The OCFO employee's husband is not employed by the District of Columbia.

<sup>2</sup> D.C. registration tag assigned to the OCFO employee and her husband observed on August, 17, 2011, September 15, 2011, December 1, 2011. D.C. registration tag assigned to the OCFO employee observed on August 25, 2011, December 20, 2011, December 22, 2011.

In her OIG interview on February 9, 2012, the OCFO employee admitted that she used the D.C. disability placard assigned to her husband, and switches the disability placard between her two vehicles to obtain free parking. The OCFO employee stated that she drives to work every day and admitted that she always uses the disability placard.<sup>3</sup> The OCFO employee told investigators that she does not transport her husband to the S.W. D.C. area and admitted that her use of the disability placard was misuse.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

The OIG investigation revealed that the OCFO employee improperly obtained free parking using a D.C. disability placard issued to someone else on at least six occasions between August 2011 and December 2011. In addition, the OCFO employee admitted to the regular misuse of the disability placard.

Accordingly, this investigation has **SUBSTANTIATED** that the OCFO employee violated DPM § 1803.1(a)(6) (Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of government).

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of this investigation, the OIG recommends that OCFO:

- Address the OCFO employee's conduct with appropriate administrative action; and
- Ensure that all OCFO employees are trained appropriately regarding the District's standards of conduct.

*Dated: February 14, 2013*

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<sup>3</sup> According to D.C. DMV, the disability placard was issued to the OCFO employee's husband on October 17, 2009.

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#### **INVESTIGATIVE SYNOPSIS**

The District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has completed an investigation which revealed that a District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) employee improperly used a Maryland (MD) disability placard to obtain free parking in the vicinity of his District of Columbia work place.

During the investigation, OIG investigators conducted surveillances of the OCFO employee and his vehicle,<sup>1</sup> and reviewed records obtained from the MD Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) regarding the MD registration tag assigned to the OCFO employee's vehicle and the MD disability placard. OIG investigators also interviewed the OCFO employee.

The investigation revealed that the MD disability placard had been issued by MVA to the mother-in-law of the OCFO employee. Between August 2011 and January 2012, OIG investigators conducted eight surveillances during which the OCFO employee's vehicle was observed parked at metered parking spaces, in the vicinity of 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., with the MD disability placard hanging from the rearview mirror. On one of those occasions, OIG investigators observed the OCFO employee attach the disability placard to the rear view mirror and then exit the vehicle alone. On each of the eight occasions, OIG investigators observed both the parking meter and the dashboard of the OCFO employee's vehicle and saw that the OCFO employee had made no payment for the use of the metered parking space.

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<sup>1</sup> The OCFO employee owned a vehicle, which bore a designated MD registration tag for another vehicle. OIG investigators never observed the second vehicle. The surveillances were conducted on August 24, 2011, August 25, 2011, August 31, 2011, October 5, 2011, November 2, 2011, December 7, 2011, December 20, 2011, and January 9, 2012.

In his OIG interview on January 19, 2012, the OCFO employee initially told investigators that the disability placard belonged to his wife but subsequently admitted that the MD disability placard belonged to his mother-in-law. According to the OCFO employee, he obtained the disability placard 6 months to a year ago. He admitted that he used the MD disability placard in the manner described, almost every work day, to obtain free parking. The OCFO employee told investigators that he used the disability placard “technically” because he has a bad knee<sup>2</sup> and that it is just a coincidence that it turns out he gets free parking. He also acknowledged he was aware of a public pay for parking facility at his work location building and admitted that he actually walked three blocks to his work location because of the financial burden of parking in the public garage. During his interview, the OCFO employee mentioned that he owns a 2002 Acura and switches the disability placard between his two vehicles. The OCFO employee agreed that his use of the MD disability placard was not appropriate use.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

The OIG investigation revealed that the OCFO employee improperly obtained free parking using a MD disability placard issued to someone else on at least eight occasions between August 2011 and January 2012. In addition, the OCFO employee admitted to regular misuse of the disability placard for 6 months to a year in the vicinity of his place of work.

Accordingly, this investigation has **SUBSTANTIATED** that the OCFO employee violated DPM § 1803.1(a)(6) (Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of government).

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of this investigation, the OIG recommends that OCFO:

- Address the OCFO employee’s conduct with appropriate administrative action; and
- Ensure that all OCFO employees are trained appropriately regarding the District’s standards of conduct.

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<sup>2</sup> During the OIG interview, the OCFO employee informed investigators that previously he had a MD Disability Placard for 3 weeks, but had procrastinated in obtaining another. In addition, the OCFO employee indicated that he would obtain a new MD Disability Placard, which would be valid for 6 months. Subsequent to the OCFO employee’s OIG interview, he provided to investigators documentation of a Temporary (6-month) MVA disability placard issued in his name.

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During the investigation, OIG investigators conducted surveillances of the OCFO employee and his vehicle<sup>1</sup> and reviewed records obtained from the MD Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) regarding a MD registration tag assigned to the OCFO employee's vehicle and the MD disability placard. OIG investigators also received information from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Park Mobile Program and interviewed the OCFO employee.

The investigation revealed that a MD disability placard had been issued by MVA to the OCFO employee's wife. Between February 2012 and October 2012, OIG investigators conducted nine surveillances during which the OCFO employee's vehicle was observed parked in the vicinity of 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., at metered parking spaces, with the MD disability placard hanging from the rearview mirror. On one of those occasions, OIG investigators observed the OCFO employee exiting the vehicle alone. On seven of those occasions, OIG investigators observed the parking meter and the dashboard of the OCFO employee's vehicle and saw that the OCFO employee had made no payment for the use of the parking space.

In his OIG interview on April 10, 2012, the OCFO employee admitted that he obtained and used a MD disability placard assigned to his wife because it did not cost anything to

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<sup>1</sup> The OCFO employee owned a vehicle, which bore a designated MD registration tag. The surveillances were conducted on February 16, 2012, February 21, 2012, February 22, 2012, March 8, 2012, March 13, 2012, March 15, 2012, July 2, 2012, October 3, 2012, and October 16, 2012.

park. The OCFO employee admitted that he had used the MD disability placard in the manner described during the past three years for parking, and that he did not believe his use of the disability placard was wrong. He acknowledged that he has not driven his wife to any location in the area of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., and makes no form of payment when he parks. According to the OCFO employee, as long as the disability placard is in the vehicle, it is permissible for him to use it, and he stated that he had driven to the OIG interview and parked utilizing the disability placard, without making payment.

Subsequent to the OCFO employee's OIG interview, OIG investigators observed on July 2, 2012, the OCFO employee's vehicle parked on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., and no parking validation coupon displayed on the dashboard. The MD disability placard (last three digits visible – 534) was displayed on the rearview mirror. According to DDOT Park Mobile Program records, the account designated for the MD registration tag at issue was not charged for parking on July 2, 2012.

On October 3, 2012, and October 16, 2012, OIG investigators observed the OCFO employee's vehicle parked on I Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., at an expired parking meter and no parking validation coupon displayed on the dashboard. For these two occasions, OIG investigators determined that the OCFO employee paid for parking via the DDOT Park Mobile Program.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

The OIG investigation revealed that the OCFO employee improperly obtained free parking using a MD disability placard issued to someone else on at least seven occasions between February 2012 and July 2012. In addition, the OCFO employee admitted to regular misuse of the disability placard at his workplace. Subsequent to the OCFO employee's OIG interview, the investigation determined that the OCFO employee, on at least one occasion, continued his improper conduct.

Accordingly, this investigation has **SUBSTANTIATED** that the OCFO employee violated DPM § 1803.1(a)(6) (Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of government).

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of this investigation, the OIG recommends that OCFO:

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During the investigation, OIG investigators conducted surveillances of the OCFO employee's vehicle,<sup>1</sup> and reviewed records obtained from the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) regarding the D.C. registration tag assigned to the OCFO employee's vehicle and the MD Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) disability placard. OIG investigators also interviewed the OCFO employee.

The investigation revealed that the MD disability placard had been issued by MVA to the OCFO employee's mother. Between September 2011 and January 2012, OIG investigators conducted six surveillances during which the OCFO employee's vehicle was observed parked in the vicinity of 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., at metered parking spaces, with a MD disability placard hanging from the rearview mirror. The placard number was partially obstructed from view.<sup>2</sup> On one occasion, OIG investigators identified the MD disability placard number. On each of the six occasions, OIG investigators observed the dashboard of the OCFO employee's vehicle and saw that the OCFO employee had made no payment for the use of the parking space.

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<sup>1</sup> The OCFO employee owns a vehicle, which bore a designated D.C. registration tag. The surveillances were conducted on September 15, 2011, October 5, 2011, November 2, 2011, December 22, 2011, January 11, 2012, and January 12, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> During five OIG surveillances, the MD disability placard number was obscured by a green parking tag.

In her OIG interview on January 26, 2012, the OCFO employee admitted that she used her mother's MD disability placard to obtain free parking. The OCFO employee admitted that she used the MD disability placard in the manner described, every work day, since she obtained it several months prior to January 2012. She also acknowledged that she was probably at fault because she did not know the rules for using the placard to obtain free parking, and should not have used the MD disability placard to obtain free parking. The OCFO employee told OIG investigators that she never removes the disability placard from her rear view mirror. According to the OCFO employee, she was aware that the disability placard assigned number must be displayed but did not intentionally cover the disability placard assigned number. The OCFO employee explained that the parking tag covering over the disability placard number was a parking pass from her previous work location that she moved from in June/July 2011 and currently it has no purpose.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

The OIG investigation revealed that the OCFO employee improperly obtained free parking using a MD disability placard issued to someone else on at least six occasions between September 2011 and January 2012. In addition, the OCFO employee admitted to regular misuse of the MD disability placard in the vicinity of her place of work.

Accordingly, this investigation has **SUBSTANTIATED** that the OCFO employee violated DPM § 1803.1(a)(6) (Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of government).

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of this investigation, the OIG recommends that OCFO:

- Address the OCFO employee's conduct with appropriate administrative action; and
- Ensure that all OCFO employees are trained appropriately regarding the District's standards of conduct.

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#### INVESTIGATIVE SYNOPSIS

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During the investigation, OIG investigators conducted surveillances of the OCFO employee's vehicles,<sup>1</sup> reviewed records obtained from the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) regarding D.C. registration tags assigned to the OCFO employee's vehicles, and the D.C. disability placards. OIG investigators also interviewed the OCFO employee.

The investigation revealed that D.C. disability placards had been issued by D.C. DMV to the OCFO employee's mother. Between August 24, 2011, and January 12, 2012, OIG investigators conducted nine surveillances during which the OCFO employee's vehicle was observed parked in the vicinity of 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., at metered parking spaces, with a D.C. disability placard<sup>2</sup> hanging from the rearview mirror. On one of those occasions, OIG investigators observed the OCFO employee exiting the vehicle alone. On each of the nine occasions, OIG investigators observed the parking meter and the dashboard of the OCFO employee's vehicle and saw that the OCFO employee had made no payment for the use of the parking spaces.

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<sup>1</sup> OIG investigators observed the OCFO employee utilizing a vehicle, which bore a designated D.C. registration tag. OIG investigators also observed a second vehicle with a designated D.C. temporary tag, which later bore a designated D.C. registration tag. All three registration tags were assigned to the OCFO employee. The surveillances were conducted on August 24, 2011, September 6, 2011, September 15, 2011, October 5, 2011, December 1, 2011, January 4, 2012, January 9, 2012, January 11, 2012, and January 12, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> According to D.C. DMV, one of the disability placards issued to the OCFO employee's mother expired on May 23, 2011, and was replaced with another disability placard. OIG investigators first began observing the new disability placard on September 15, 2011.

In her OIG interview on February 9, 2012, the OCFO employee admitted that she used the D.C. disability placards belonging to her mother to obtain free parking. The OCFO employee explained to OIG investigators that because parking is expensive she uses the disability placards every day to park for free. According to the OCFO employee, she did not think using the disability placard would be an issue nor did she expect this level of scrutiny.

### **CONCLUSION**

The OIG investigation revealed that the OCFO employee improperly obtained free parking using a D.C. disability placards issued to someone else on at least nine occasions between August 2011 and January 2012. In addition, the OCFO employee admitted to regular misuse of the disability placards in the vicinity of her place of work.

Accordingly, this investigation has **SUBSTANTIATED** that the OCFO employee violated DPM § 1803.1(a)(6) (Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of government).

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of this investigation, the OIG recommends that OCFO:

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The District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has completed an investigation which revealed that a District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) employee improperly used a District of Columbia disability placard to obtain free parking in the vicinity of her District of Columbia work place.

During the investigation, OIG investigators conducted surveillances of the OCFO employee's vehicle,<sup>1</sup> and reviewed records obtained from the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) regarding the D.C. registration tag assigned to the OCFO employee's vehicle and the D.C. disability placard. OIG investigators also interviewed the OCFO employee.

The investigation revealed that the D.C. disability placard had been issued by D.C. DMV to the OCFO employee's godmother. Between August 2011 and January 2012, OIG investigators conducted seven surveillances during which the OCFO employee's vehicle was observed parked in the vicinity of 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., at metered parking spaces, with the D.C. disability placard hanging from the rearview mirror. On each of the seven occasions, OIG investigators observed both the parking meter and dashboard of the OCFO employee's vehicle and saw that the OCFO employee had made no payment for the use of the parking space.

In her OIG interview on January 26, 2012, the OCFO employee told investigators that she obtained a D.C. disability placard from her godmother. The OCFO employee admitted that she used the D.C. disability placard in the manner described, nearly every work day, since she obtained it in spring 2011, to park for free. She also acknowledged

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<sup>1</sup> The OCFO employee owned a vehicle, which bore a designated D.C. registration tag. The surveillances were conducted on August 25, 2011, September 6, 2011, September 15, 2011, September 19, 2011, November 2, 2011, January 11, 2012, and January 12, 2012.

that she made no form of payment to park and that her use of the D.C. disability placard was misuse. According to the OCFO employee, she has attempted to find authorized free parking spaces but the parking spaces are usually a long walk to her work location.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

The OIG investigation revealed that the OCFO employee improperly obtained free parking using a D.C. disability placard issued to someone else on at least seven occasions between August 2011 and January 2012. In addition, the OCFO employee admitted regular misuse of the D.C. disability placard during a 9-month period of time, in the vicinity of her work place, to park for free.

Accordingly, this investigation has **SUBSTANTIATED** that the OCFO employee violated DPM § 1803.1(a)(6) (Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of government).

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of this investigation, the OIG recommends that OCFO:

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The District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has completed an investigation which revealed that a District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) employee improperly used a District of Columbia (DC) disability placard to obtain free parking in the vicinity of her D.C. work place.

During the investigation, OIG investigators conducted surveillances of the OCFO employee's vehicle,<sup>1</sup> reviewed records obtained from the MD Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) regarding the MD registration tag assigned to the OCFO employee's vehicle, as well as records from the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) regarding the disability placard. OIG investigators also interviewed the OCFO employee.

The investigation revealed that the D.C. disability placard had been issued by DMV to the OCFO employee's boyfriend. Between September 2011 and January 2012, OIG investigators conducted five surveillances during which OIG investigators observed the OCFO employee's vehicle parked in the vicinity of 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., at metered parking spaces, with the D.C. disability placard hanging from the rearview mirror. On each of the five occasions, OIG investigators observed the dashboard of the OCFO employee's vehicle and saw that the OCFO employee had made no payment for the use of the parking space.

In her OIG interview on January 26, 2012, the OCFO employee admitted that she used her boyfriend's D.C. disability placard to obtain free parking. Initially, the OCFO employee told investigators that she obtained the disability placard approximately 2 weeks prior to the

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<sup>1</sup> The OCFO employee owns a vehicle, which bore a designated MD registration tag. The surveillances were conducted on September 15, 2011, September 19, 2011, December 20, 2011, December 22, 2011, and January 12, 2012.

Interview because she had a bad knee, and having the placard prevented excessive walking when parking for work. Subsequently, the OCFO employee admitted that she drives to work every day and has used the D.C. disability placard to park because it is free and also because it makes parking convenient.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

The OIG investigation revealed that the OCFO employee improperly obtained free parking using a D.C. disability placard issued to someone else on at least five occasions between September 2011 and January 2012. In addition, the OCFO employee admitted to regular misuse of the disability placard in the vicinity of her place of work.

Accordingly, this investigation has **SUBSTANTIATED** that the OCFO employee violated DPM § 1803.1(a)(6) (Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of government).

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The investigation revealed that the D.C. disability placard had been issued by DMV to the OCFO employee's former mother-in-law. Between August 2011 and January 2012, OIG investigators conducted nine surveillances during which the OCFO employee's vehicle was observed parked in the vicinity of 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., at metered parking spaces, with the D.C. disability placard hanging from the rearview mirror. On one of those occasions, OIG investigators observed the OCFO employee exiting the vehicle alone. On each of the nine occasions, OIG investigators observed both the parking meter and the dashboard of the OCFO employee's vehicle and saw that the OCFO employee had made no payment for the use of the parking space.

In her OIG interview on January 19, 2012, the OCFO employee admitted that the D.C. disability placard belongs to her former mother-in-law, and that she had been using the disability placard to obtain free parking. The OCFO employee admitted that she had

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<sup>1</sup> The OCFO employee owns a vehicle, which bore a designated D.C. registration tag. The surveillances were conducted on August 17, 2011, September 6, 2011, September 15, 2011, October 5, 2011, November 2, 2011, November 16, 2011, November 23, 2011, January 11, 2012, and January 12, 2012.

used the D.C. disability placard regularly, in the manner described, for the past several months. She also acknowledged that her use of the D.C. disability placard was wrong.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

The OIG investigation revealed that the OCFO employee improperly obtained free parking using a D.C. disability placard issued to someone else on at least nine occasions between August 2011 and January 2012. In addition, the OCFO employee admitted to regular misuse of the disability placard for several months in the vicinity of her place of work.

Accordingly, this investigation has **SUBSTANTIATED** that the OCFO employee violated DPM § 1803.1(a)(6) (Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of government).

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The investigation revealed that the MD disability placard issued by MVA had been reported to the MVA on April 27, 2011, as stolen. Between August 2011 and January 2012, OIG investigators conducted four surveillances during which the OCFO employee's vehicle was observed parked in the vicinity of 1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., at metered parking spaces, with a MD disability placard hanging from the rearview mirror. On each of the four occasions, OIG investigators observed both the parking meter and the dashboard of the OCFO employee's vehicle and saw that the OCFO employee had made no payment for the use of the metered space.

In his OIG interview on April 5, 2012, the OCFO employee told investigators that he obtained the MD disability placard from his father (*deceased September 20, 2011*) and he was not aware that the disability placard had been reported stolen. According to the OCFO employee, he uses the disability placard to park at his work location because he has a "bad leg" but has never applied for a disability placard in his name from any

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<sup>1</sup> The OCFO employee owned a vehicle, which bore a designated MD registration tag and another vehicle. OIG investigators never observed the second vehicle. The surveillances were conducted on August 25, 2011, December 20, 2011, December 22, 2011, and January 12, 2012.

jurisdiction. The OCFO employee admitted that he used the MD disability placard in the manner described, 50-60 times since he obtained it in the fall of 2010, so that he could park for free. The OCFO employee also told investigators that he switches the disability placard between his two vehicles and acknowledged that his use of the MD disability placard was misuse.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

The OIG investigation revealed that the OCFO employee improperly obtained free parking using a MD disability placard issued to someone else on at least four occasions between August 2011 and January 2012. In addition, the OCFO employee admitted to regular misuse of the disability placard during a 15-month period of time in the vicinity of his place of work to park for free.

Accordingly, this investigation has **SUBSTANTIATED** that the OCFO employee violated DPM § 1803.1(a)(6) (Affecting adversely the confidence of the public in the integrity of government).

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the results of this investigation, the OIG recommends that OCFO:

- Address the OCFO employee's conduct with appropriate administrative action; and
- Ensure that all OCFO employees are trained appropriately regarding the District's standards of conduct.

*Dated: February 14, 2013*