

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



October 2, 2015

The Honorable Muriel E. Bowser
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

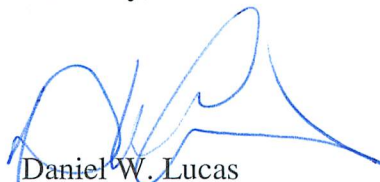
Dear Mayor Bowser:

This letter is to inform you that on September 9, 2015, a United States District Court judge sentenced Mercedes A. Johnson, former Educational Aide, D.C. Public Schools, to 5 years of supervised probation for defrauding the Department of Employment Services (DOES). In addition, the court ordered Ms. Johnson to pay restitution in the amount of \$13,912.¹

The D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation revealed that from July 2009 through June 2010, Ms. Johnson engaged in a scheme to defraud DOES by submitting fraudulent claims to obtain unemployment compensation benefits. On February 12, 2014, Ms. Johnson pled guilty to one count of felony fraud in the first degree.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Shelley Elliott, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2012-0140.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Lucas
Inspector General

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¹ The court also issued another sentence to Ms. Johnson, which related to a second count of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government. The OIG did not investigate the circumstances underlying the conspiracy count.