

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



November 16, 2017

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 (OIG Control Number 2014-0396)

Dear Mayor Bowser:

This Significant Activity Report is to inform you that on November 9, 2017, a United States District Court judge sentenced Robert Mitchell, a former District government contractor, to three (3) years of probation, to include four (4) months of home confinement and location monitoring, for defrauding the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water). In addition, Mr. Mitchell was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$117,595.08 and to pay a special assessment of \$100.00.

The joint Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation revealed that from March 22, 2012, until June 17, 2015, Mr. Mitchell engaged in a scheme to defraud DC Water. As part of the scheme, Mr. Mitchell, on various occasions, under-reported to DC Water the weight of the scrap brass water meters he hauled and paid DC Water less than the amount owed.

As a result of the investigation, in February 2017, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia (USAO) filed a criminal information in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia charging Mr. Mitchell with one felony count of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2314. On February 24, 2017, Mr. Mitchell pled guilty to one felony count of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2314.

Please feel free to contact me or Bernadette Todd, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at [Bernadette.Todd@dc.gov](mailto:Bernadette.Todd@dc.gov), or (202) 727-6904 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

for Daniel W. Lucas  
Inspector General

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