



March 28, 2024

The Honorable Muriel E. Bowser
Mayor of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, Suite
316 Washington, DC 20004

Subject: **Yolanda Hood Ordered to Pay \$2,745 in Restitution Related to Fraud**
OIG No. 22-00699

Dear Mayor Bowser:

I am writing to provide you with an update on an investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). In short, our investigation determined that Ms. Yolanda Hood, a Program Specialist for the Department of Public Works (DPW), received over \$3,000 from the District government through fraudulent means. As part of a pre-sentencing agreement, Ms. Hood paid \$2,475 in restitution and has enrolled in a diversion program.

From December 2020 through February 2022 Ms. Hood engaged in fraud against the District through the Low-Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), administered by the DC Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE). Ms. Hood misrepresented her annual income on LIHEAP applications submitted to DOEE. Based on these misrepresentations, DOEE paid Ms. Hood \$1,650 she should not have received. Contrary to the information she provided, Ms. Hood was employed by DPW when she applied for the LIHEAP and during the entire period that she received benefits.

On January 9, 2024, the United States Attorney's Office charged Ms. Hood with one count of False Statements, a violation of D.C. Code § 22-2405. On January 10, 2024, the prosecutor amended the criminal information to include two additional False Statements charges.

On February 22, 2024, Ms. Hood appeared before the Court and entered into a *Stet Agreement* with the government. Under the agreement, Ms. Hood was required to

repay the District \$2,745 in restitution and, provided she completes a six-month diversion program and otherwise abides by her release conditions, the United States will dismiss her case with prejudice. On February 23, 2024, Ms. Hood paid the restitution and was enrolled in the Diversion Program.

If you need additional information, please contact me or Kathryn Jones, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-5864 or kathryn.jones@dc.gov, referencing OIG control number 22-00699.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Lucas
Inspector General

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