

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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September 4, 2019

The Honorable Muriel E. Bowser
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT
Control Number 2018-1359


Dear Mayor Bowser:

On August 30, 2019, Michele Sims, a member of the public, was sentenced in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to seven (7) months incarceration (suspended); 5 years unsupervised probation; and ordered to pay a \$100 court assessment fee for defrauding the Department of Employment Services (DOES). In addition, the court ordered Ms. Sims to pay restitution in the amount of \$19,526.00.

An OIG investigation revealed that from June 15, 2013, through July 29, 2017, Ms. Sims engaged in a scheme to defraud DOES by submitting fraudulent claims to obtain unemployment compensation benefits while employed. On May 29, 2019, Ms. Sims pled guilty to one count of Second Degree Felony Fraud, in violation of D.C. Code § 22-3221(b).

If any additional information is needed, please contact me or Bernadette Todd, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations at (202) 727-2540 or bernadette.todd@dc.gov.

Sincerely,


Daniel W. Lucas
Inspector General

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