

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



February 25, 2014

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
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**

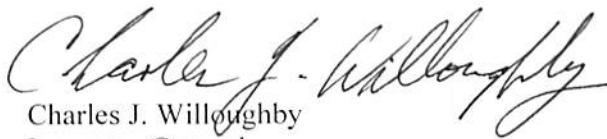
Dear Mayor Gray:

This report is to inform you that on February 7, 2014, a District of Columbia Superior Court judge sentenced Cherylene Smith, a member of the public, to 6 months of incarceration (suspended), 3 years of supervised release (suspended), and 5 years of supervised probation for defrauding the D.C. Department of Employment Services. In addition, the court ordered Ms. Smith to pay restitution in the amount of \$17,644.

Special Agent Emily Hosenbackez of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), along with agents from the U.S. Department of Labor OIG, conducted the investigation. The investigation revealed that from October 20, 2009, through September 27, 2010, Ms. Smith fraudulently obtained \$17,644 in unemployment insurance compensation benefits, to which she was not entitled, while working for Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLC. After the investigation, on December 4, 2013, Ms. Smith pled guilty to one count of Fraud in the Second Degree.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Brian T. Sweeney, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2013-0264.

Sincerely,


Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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