

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Office of the Inspector General

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October 18, 2013

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Mayor  
District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 316  
Washington, D.C. 20004

**Re: Significant Activity Report**

Dear Mayor Gray:

This report is to inform you that on October 3, 2013, the Honorable Gerald Bruce Lee, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, sentenced Dawn M. Johnson, a member of the public, to 12 months of imprisonment, 2 years of supervised release, 500 hours in the Bureau of Prisons Residential Drug Abuse Treatment Program, and a special assessment of \$200 for defrauding the D.C. Department of Employment Services (DOES) and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In addition, the court ordered Ms. Johnson to pay \$42,343 in restitution.

Special Agent Kerthalia W. Peavely of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), along with agents of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Social Security Administration, and IRS conducted the investigation. The investigation revealed that from May 2010 to June 2010, Ms. Johnson fraudulently applied for and received unemployment insurance compensation benefits in other people's names and using their Social Security Numbers without their knowledge or consent. In addition, from January 2007 to April 2011, Ms. Johnson filed fraudulent tax returns in her own name and in other people's names, without their consent, and received tax refunds as a result of these filings. Ms. Johnson fraudulently obtained \$42,343 in benefits and tax refunds. After the investigation, on July 16, 2013, Ms. Johnson pled guilty to one count each of Mail Fraud and Presenting False, Fictitious or Fraudulent claims.

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 2010-0466.

Sincerely,

  
Charles J. Willoughby  
Inspector General

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