

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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September 30, 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 2015-0200


Dear Mayor Bowser:

On September 13, 2019, Thelmiah Lee, a member of the public, was sentenced in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to 36 months incarceration; 3 years supervised probation; and ordered to pay a \$100 court assessment fee for each of two counts of identity theft. The sentences will run consecutively for a total of 72 months incarceration; 6 years supervised probation; and payment of \$200 in court assessment fees. In addition, the court ordered Mr. Lee to pay restitution in the amount of \$34,977.00 for defrauding the Department of Employment Services (DOES) and members of the public.

An OIG investigation revealed that from February 21, 2012, through February 16, 2013, Mr. Lee engaged in a scheme to defraud DOES by submitting fraudulent claims to obtain unemployment compensation benefits. In addition, Mr. Lee engaged in a scheme to use personal identifying information of members of the public without consent. On June 18, 2019, Mr. Lee pled guilty to two counts of First Degree Identify Theft, in violation of D.C. Code § 22-3227.02(a).

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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