## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Office of the Inspector General

**Inspector General** 



April 22, 2019

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

Re: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Control Number 2018-1358

Dear Mayor Bowser:

On April 9, 2019, Tanisha Thomas, a member of the public, was sentenced in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to 8 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. Thomas to pay restitution in the amount of \$32,021.

An OIG investigation revealed that from October 2012 through July 2017, Ms. Thomas engaged in a scheme to defraud DOES by submitting fraudulent claims to obtain unemployment compensation benefits while simultaneously employed. On February 7, 2019, Ms. Thomas pleaded 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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