



Office of the Inspector General Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Former Executive Director of the Chelsea Housing Authority, Michael McLaughlin, Sentenced to Federal Prison, July 2013

On July 17, 2013, U.S. District Court Judge Douglas Woodlock sentenced Michael McLaughlin to 36 months in federal prison after he pled guilty to four counts of falsifying documents in order to hide his actual salary from state and federal officials from 2008 to 2011. McLaughlin's prison sentence will be followed by two years of supervised release. In addition, McLaughlin must pay a \$4,000 fine.

The Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General ("OIG") worked on this matter in a combined probe with the Massachusetts State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and the Office of the Inspector General for Housing and Urban Development.

For more information on McLaughlin's plea, see the U.S. Department of Justice's Press Release at <http://www.justice.gov/usao/ma/news/2013/February/McLaughlinMichaelplea.html>.

Also, see the OIG's Letter to Joseph Connarton, Executive Director, PERAC & David Pickering, Board Administrator, Chelsea Retirement Board, Regarding the Compensation & Retirement Benefits of Michael McLaughlin, Executive Director of the Chelsea Housing Authority, Nov 2011.