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Re: Significant Activity Report

Mayor Emanuel:

On October 16, 2017, following a sentencing hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, IL, Leon Brown, a former employee of the City of Chicago, was sentenced to 18 months of probation. Brown was previously found guilty on 6 counts, including 2 counts of bribery (720 ILCS 5/33-1(d)(e)), and 4 counts of official misconduct (720 ILCS 5/33-3(b)(d)). *State of Illinois v. Leon Brown* 16-CR-3741 (Cir. Ct. of Cook County, IL.)

While working as a booter for the Department of Finance (DOF), Brown identified a vehicle that City records show required a boot and potential towing by the City. Brown solicited and received \$100 in exchange for not reporting the vehicle to the City to be towed. As a result of this incident DOF terminated Brown in early 2016 and placed him on the ineligible for rehire list.

Brown's conviction and sentencing before Cook County Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Edward Flood is the product of an investigation initiated by the Office of Inspector General and conducted jointly with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Please do not hesitate to direct any questions or requests for additional information to me or Danielle Perry, Director of Communications, at (773) 478-0534.

Respectfully,

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