

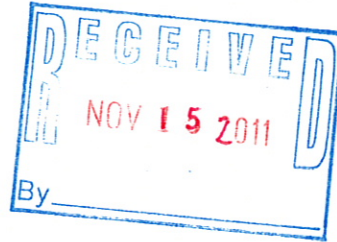


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The Honorable John D. Ferrero
Stark County Prosecutor's Office
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Dear Mr. Ferrero:



On behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Inspector General, I would like to commend the actions of Assistant Prosecutors Chryssa Hartnett and Frederic Scott. Your agency's willingness, in a time of limited resources and severe budget constraints, to successfully prosecute Michele Laboo-White and Eric Harris clearly represents your commitment to protecting the American taxpayer and the citizens of the great State of Ohio from financial fraud.

On June 28, 2011, Stark County Grand Jury issued indictments (2011 CR0850 & 2011 CR0849) against Michele Laboo-White and Eric Harris for Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance (Multifamily) fraud violations which included Tampering with Records and Grand.

Through your agency's dedicated assistance, the criminal activities of these individuals were stopped and were successfully brought to justice for their involvement in Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance (Multifamily) fraud. Assistant Prosecutors Chryssa Hartnett and Frederic Scott demonstrated the commitment and professionalism of your office and are a credit to the highest tradition of law enforcement.

I look forward to working jointly with your office in the future as we serve to protect the citizens and community of Stark County.

Sincerely,

Breck Nowlin,
Special Agent-in-Charge
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cc: Assistant Stark County Prosecutor Chryssa N. Hartnett
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