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**DOI-BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF CITY CORRECTION OFFICER
ON RAPE AND ASSOCIATED CONTRABAND CHARGES**

MARK G. PETERS, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), in partnership with DARCEL D. CLARK, Bronx County District Attorney, announced the arrest of a City Correction Officer on charges of rape and promoting prison contraband into the George R. Vierno Center ("GRVC") on Rikers Island. DOI's drug-sniffing dog, Gunner, was positioned at GRVC's front gate during the 5 a.m. shift change Saturday and alerted on Correction Officer NICOLE BARTLEY as she entered the front gate of GRVC where she is assigned. BARTLEY was searched and although she did not have contraband on her person, the investigation found she had a package of marijuana at her home intended for an inmate at the jail with whom she had a sexual relationship. Under New York State law, inmates cannot consent to sexual relationships inside the jail. Approximately 70 grams of marijuana was found at the defendant's home.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "This case involving sex for drugs puts on full display the dangers of corruption in our City's jails and the connection between the drugs, inappropriate relationships and violence that pervade the system. This arrest marks the twenty-sixth correction staffer DOI has arrested since our intensive operation to root out corruption at Rikers began in 2014. That operation continues with full force. I want to thank District Attorney Clark for making these issues a priority and for being an energetic partner in this process."

Bronx County District Attorney Darcel D. Clark said, "The alleged crimes by probationary Correction Officer Nicole Bartley erode the public's trust in our civil servants, and tarnish the hardworking officers in our city jails. Such corrupt and indecent actions contribute to the troubling conditions on Rikers Island, and undermine safety and security there. I have made reform of Rikers Island a linchpin of my efforts to ensure justice in the Bronx, and criminal activity there by inmates, officers or staff will be prosecuted to the fullest extent."

Bartley, 30, of the Bronx, N.Y., was arrested Saturday and charged with Rape in the Third Degree, a class E felony; Sexual Misconduct, Official Misconduct, Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree, and Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the Fourth Degree, all class A misdemeanors; and Attempted Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree and Conspiracy in the Sixth Degree, a class B misdemeanor. Upon conviction, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison, a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year's incarceration and a class B misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in jail.

Bartley has been employed by the Department of Correction (“DOC”) since May 2014 and as a probationary Correction Officer she receives an annual base salary of approximately \$39,755. As a result of this arrest she will be suspended.

A photo of the marijuana recovered from the defendant’s home follow the release.

DOI Commissioner Peters thanked DOC Commissioner Joseph Ponte and Bronx County District Attorney Darcel D. Clark, and their staffs, for their cooperation and assistance in this investigation.

DOI’s Office of the Inspector General for DOC investigated this case, under the supervision of First Deputy Inspector General Chin Ho Cheng, Senior Inspector General Jennifer Sculco, Associate Commissioner Paul Cronin, Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Michael Carroll and First Deputy Commissioner Lesley Brovner.

The Bronx County District Attorney’s Office is prosecuting the case, under the supervision of Lawrence Piergrossi, Deputy Chief James Goward, and Chief Stuart Levy.

A criminal complaint is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.



Marijuana and other items recovered from the defendant’s home.

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