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**DOI INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF CITY FIRE INSPECTOR
ON BRIBERY AND RELATED CHARGES DURING OFF-DUTY CONDUCT**

Mark G. Peters, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced the arrest today of a Fire Prevention Inspector with the Fire Department of the City of New York (“FDNY”) on bribery and related offenses in connection with conduct that occurred while off-duty. According to the charges, the Fire Inspector offered cash in exchange for ignoring a violation for work being done without a permit at the Fire Inspector’s home. DOI partnered with the City Department of Buildings (“DOB”) after the agency reported that ANGELO YOUNG inappropriately displayed his FDNY shield and identification to receive preferential treatment. The office of Acting Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, “Flashing a FDNY shield; offering cash to avoid a building violation – these are acts that will result in only one thing: criminal charges. There is no tolerance for anyone circumventing New York City’s construction rules, thereby diminishing everyone’s safety.”

YOUNG, 47, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is charged with two counts of Bribery in the Third Degree, a class D felony; and Obstructing Governmental Administration in the Second Degree, a class A misdemeanor. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison and a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year’s incarceration.

According to the criminal complaint, DOB issued YOUNG a notice of violation for work without a permit at his residence in Marine Park, Brooklyn on August 30, 2016, and served him with a stop work order. The next morning YOUNG contacted an undercover investigator acting as a DOB inspector and indicated he was an FDNY inspector. When the defendant was informed that the violation was not yet entered into the system, the defendant asked for a meeting, which took place the morning of September 2, 2016 at the corner of 65th Street and West 6th Street, near defendant’s workplace. During the meeting, the defendant indicated that as an FDNY inspector he “squashes summonses” and “requested courtesy” as a fellow inspector; he then asked the undercover investigator to meet him off-duty and returned the notice of violation that had been posted at his property. On September 21, 2016, the two met in a Brooklyn coffee shop and the defendant promised to supply \$300 in return for not processing the violation. Five days later the two met again in Brooklyn, this time the defendant arrived in a car with an unknown passenger who gave the undercover investigator an envelope that stated “Happy Birthday.” In the envelope, there was a card and three \$100 bills (pictured in a photo attached to this release).

YOUNG joined the FDNY as a Fire Prevention Inspector in February 2010 and receives an annual salary of approximately \$50,507. Upon his arrest, YOUNG was suspended by the FDNY.

DOI Commissioner Peters thanked DOB Commissioner Rick D. Chandler, DOB Executive Director of Investigations Denis McGowan, FDNY Commissioner Daniel A. Nigro, and their staffs, for their cooperation and assistance in this investigation.

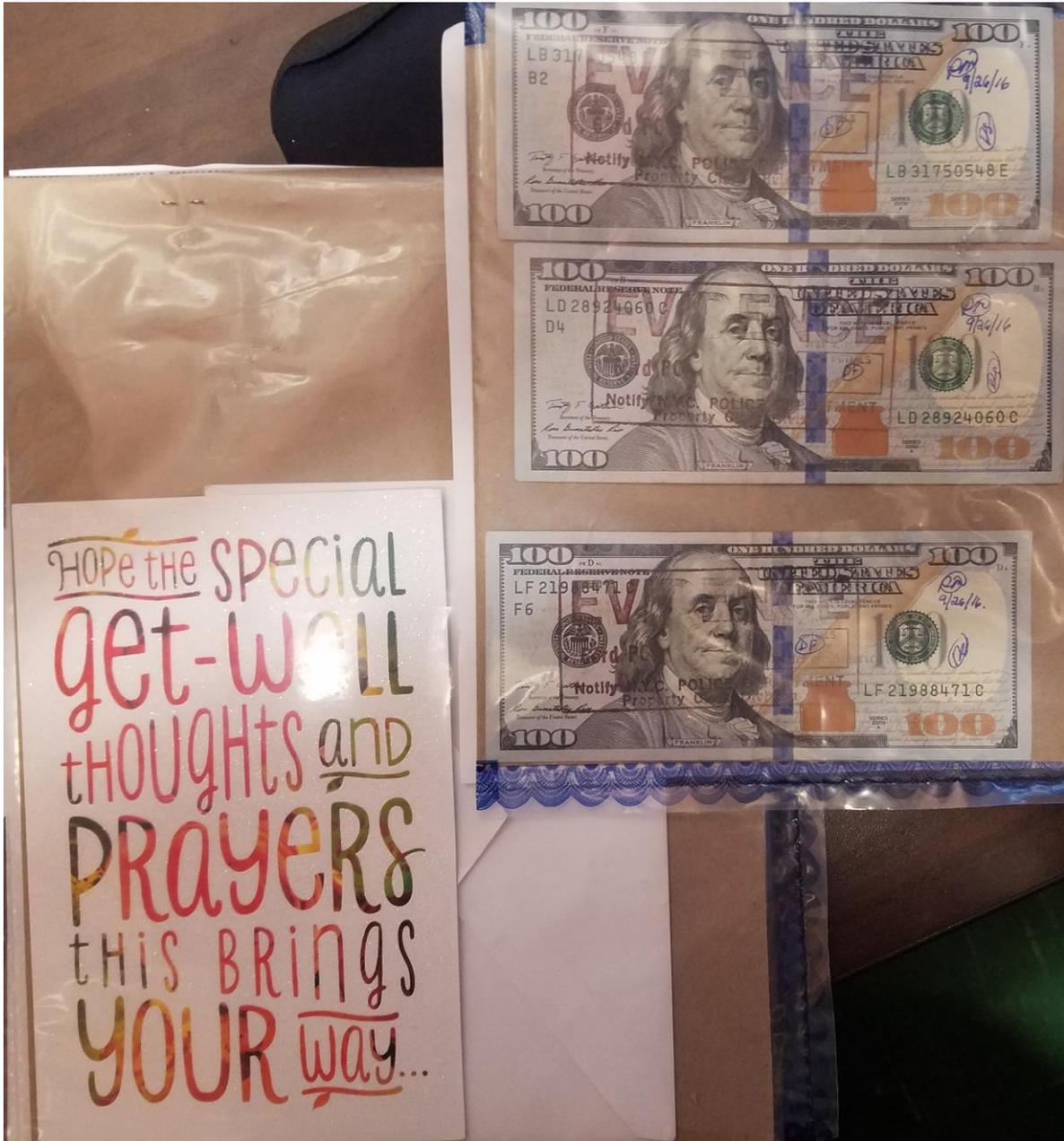
The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the FDNY, specifically Confidential Investigator Daniel C. Flaherty, under the supervision of Inspector General Frank J. Carine, Assistant Commissioner Michael Healy, Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Michael Carroll, and First Deputy Commissioner Lesley Brovner.

This case is being prosecuted by the Kings County District Attorney's Office, specifically Renee Hassel, a DOI attorney who has been assigned to the District Attorney's Public Integrity Bureau, under the supervision of Bureau Chief Michael Spanakos, under the overall supervision of William E. Schaeffer, Chief of the Investigations Division, and Patricia McNeill, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division.

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

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The greeting card and \$300 in cash provided during an undercover DOI operation.