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**DOI ARRESTS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ON CHARGES OF  
STEALING MONEY DURING AN UNDERCOVER INTEGRITY TEST**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced the arrest today of an Emergency Medical Technician (“EMT”) employed by the New York City Fire Department (“FDNY”) on charges of stealing \$280 from an undercover investigator posing as an injured patient during an integrity test this morning. The integrity test was prompted by a theft allegation. The office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “Stealing money from an individual in a vulnerable situation is a fundamental breach of an EMT’s duty. The conduct outlined in these charges is antithetical to the diligence and care shown by the many EMTs who help injured people every day in this City.”

DONALD VASQUEZ, 35, of Brooklyn, has been charged with two counts each of Official Misconduct, Petit Larceny, and Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, class A misdemeanors. Upon conviction, a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year’s incarceration.

VASQUEZ has been employed as an EMT since July 2004 and receives an annual salary of approximately \$48,153. As a result of today’s arrest, he has been suspended and faces disciplinary action.

According to the criminal complaint, the defendant responded to an emergency call in a Brooklyn apartment and was directed into a bedroom to retrieve identification for the patient who was actually an undercover investigator. Video surveillance showed the defendant stealing money from a wallet in the bedroom and the surveillance video also showed the defendant later took additional cash from an envelope in the apartment. The money was recovered from the defendant.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked New York Police Department (“NYPD”) Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, FDNY Commissioner Salvatore J. Cassano, and Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and their staffs for their assistance and cooperation in this case.

The investigation was conducted by DOI’s Office of the Inspector General for FDNY and the NYPD.

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

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