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**FORMER NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EXECUTIVE  
PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT IN U.S. COURT**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation, announced today that IMEH JONES, the former Fiscal Administrator of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's ("DOH") Maternal, Infant and Reproductive Health Program ("MIHRP"), pled guilty in Manhattan federal court today to embezzling \$200,000 from MIHRP. JONES was the Fiscal Administrator for MIHRP from 1993 to 2002.

JONES pled guilty to a Superceding Information charging him with four counts of embezzlement. According to the Superceding Information and statements in court, JONES embezzled funds of DOH by generating fraudulent overpayments to two vendors of DOH and then having the vendors return the overpayments by checks which JONES then cashed.

The Superceding Information also charged JONES with embezzling funds by creating a fictitious catering company and generating fraudulent invoices and bills in the name of the fictitious company. According to an earlier criminal Complaint, from July 1999 through June 2001, JONES generated approximately 40 fraudulent invoices and bills from a catering company called "E.G. Marcus" for services that were never rendered.

The Complaint charges that JONES submitted these invoices and bills to the Internal Accounting Unit at DOH with memoranda purportedly prepared by the Program Manager for MIRHP requesting that payments be made to E.G. Marcus for catering services provided at various conferences, training events, and workshops conducted by MIRHP. According to the Complaint, a majority of the events for which E.G. Marcus supposedly provided catering services in fact never took place. In a number of instances where DOH events in fact did take place on the dates specified in the memoranda, E.G. Marcus catering services were not used.

The Complaint also alleges that the requests for payment for E.G. Marcus were all approved and E.G. Marcus was paid a total of \$103,182.78 by the City of New York for the catering services it supposedly provided. According to DOH records, the City of New York issued 40 separate checks to E.G. Marcus and each check was picked up and signed for by IMEH JONES. The Complaint alleges that the mailing address for E.G. Marcus

was a P.O. Box opened by JONES. JONES admitted in court today to cashing the checks issued to E.G. Marcus for the supposed catering services.

The Superceding Information also charges that JONES fraudulently obtained and without authority knowingly converted to his own use a check issued by New York City on behalf of DOH in the amount of \$17,850. According to the Complaint, in July 2001, JONES allegedly signed three time sheets in the name of a former DOH consultant and submitted these time sheets together with a memorandum approving payment to the consultant. According to the Complaint, JONES then personally retrieved and signed for the check issued by New York City payable to the consultant in the amount of \$17,850.

According to the Superceding Information and statements of the defendant at today's plea, the defendant also stole six laptop computers, two desktop computers, and other computer equipment purchased by DOH in connection with federal grants received by MIHRP.

JONES faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and the greater of a \$250,000 fine or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime on each of four counts in the Superceding Information.

JONES is scheduled to be sentenced by United states District Court Judge NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD on November 15, 2004.

According to statements in court, JONES has agreed to

pay restitution to DOH in the amount of \$186,029, and has agreed that the stolen computers and computer equipment, previously recovered from the defendant during a search of his home, are the property of DOH.

JONES, 45, lives in Brooklyn, new York.

MR. KELLEY praised the investigative efforts of the New York City Department of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney KAREN B. KONIGSBERG is in charge of the prosecution.

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