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**CITY CORRECTION OFFICER ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF  
GIVING A PROHIBITED CELL PHONE TO AN INMATE**  
***-DOI arrested another Correction Officer in January 2011 on similar charge-***

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of a Correction Officer with the City Department of Correction ("DOC") on charges of unlawfully giving an inmate a cell phone, a prohibited item in the City's jails. Cell phones are considered dangerous contraband because inmates' communications via cell phone cannot be monitored by correctional staff and the devices can be used by inmates to commit crimes and circumvent security measures. DOI began investigating after the New York State Department of Correctional Services reported an inmate in state custody had a cell phone wired with Internet and GPS capabilities that was linked to the defendant. The defendant is charged by an indictment obtained by the office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Cell phones jeopardize security within the City's jails. A Correction Officer who flouts well-known regulations barring these devices in the jails undermines safety, places fellow officers at risk, and commits a crime. DOI will continue working with the Correction Department and the Bronx District Attorney's Office to keep dangerous contraband out of the City's correctional facilities."

Correction Officer JAENIEL KILLIKELLY, 29, of Queens, is charged with Promoting Prison Contraband in the First Degree, a class D felony, and Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree and Official Misconduct, class A misdemeanors. 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 charges outlined in the indictment and DOI's investigation, the defendant provided a cell phone to an inmate at North Infirmity Command ("NIC") on Rikers Island in May 2010. The investigation found that both the inmate and the defendant were at NIC on Rikers Island during that time in May 2010. Subsequently, the inmate was transferred to a state correctional facility where in early 2011 state correctional authorities found the inmate in possession of a cell phone that contained texts from and photos of the defendant.

KILLIKELLY has been employed at DOC since November 2006 and as a result of this investigation was placed on modified duty in March 2011 in which inmate contact was prohibited. She is currently assigned to the Queens Detention Complex and receives an annual base salary of approximately \$56,609. She was suspended on arrest.

In January 2011, DOI arrested another Correction Officer, Rosalyn Wilkes, on charges of allowing inmates to use a cellular telephone inside the Manhattan Detention Center. DOI's press release on that case, which is pending in New York County Supreme Court, can be found at the following link:

[http://www.nyc.gov/html/doi/downloads/pdf/jan11/pr10wilkes\\_013111.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doi/downloads/pdf/jan11/pr10wilkes_013111.pdf)

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Assistant District Attorney Omer Wiczuk of the Bronx County District Attorney's Rackets Bureau is assigned to the prosecution of KILLIKELLY under the supervision of Thomas L. Leahy, Chief of the Investigations Division, and Stuart P. Levy, Chief of the Rackets Bureau.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Commissioner Brian Fischer, Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson, DOC Commissioner Dora B. Schriro and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of Inspector General for DOC.

An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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