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DOI ARRESTS FORMER CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY ON BRIBERY CHARGE

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced the arrest of a former Construction Project Manager with the New York City Housing Authority (“NYCHA”) on a charge that he solicited a \$4,000 cash bribe to approve a contractor’s brick and repointing work for NYCHA. DOI began investigating after it received an allegation that the defendant solicited a bribe. The defendant was charged in an indictment obtained by the office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson, which is prosecuting the case. The contractor cooperated in the investigation.

ADNAN HAMDAN, 52, of Yonkers, N.Y., was arrested and charged late Wednesday, March 10, 2011, with Bribe Receiving in the Third Degree and Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, class D felonies, Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony, and Coercion 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, a class E felony by up to four years in prison, and a class A misdemeanor by up to a year’s incarceration. HAMDAN was arraigned in Bronx County Supreme Court and remanded. His next court date is March 29, 2011.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “This defendant is charged with abusing his City position and trading his integrity for a cash payment. Everyone, most especially municipal employees, should know bribery doesn’t pay and in fact it will lead only to arrest and prosecution.”

HAMDAN began employment with NYCHA in September 1991 and when he resigned in August 2008 was receiving an annual salary of approximately \$54,784. Shortly after, HAMDAN left the United States and returned to New York in February 2011.

According to the charges outlined in the indictment, in June 2007 the defendant approached the contractors and solicited a \$4,000 cash payment from them in return for the defendant assuring that the contractors’ work would be approved by NYCHA.

DOI Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson and NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea and their staffs for their assistance on this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI’s Inspector General for NYCHA, Kelvin A. Jeremiah, and members of his staff, including Senior Deputy Inspector General Ralph Iannuzzi, Assistant Inspector General Suzanne Vitti, Chief Investigator Stephen Mattei, and Special Investigator Louis Vega.

Assistant District Attorney Robert Caliendo of the Bronx County District Attorney’s Office is prosecuting the case.

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

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