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DOI ARRESTS FORMER NYCHA EMPLOYEE FOR TAX EVASION

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of Kimberly Hollier, a former carpenter with the New York City Housing Authority, for attempting to evade paying income taxes to the U.S. Government. Hollier is in arrears \$24,035 from tax years 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Hollier, 52, of Brooklyn, was charged with three counts of violating Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201. If convicted, he faces up to five years in federal prison.

Hollier worked as a carpenter for NYCHA from May 6, 1996 until April 26, 2000. According to the indictment, he attempted to evade paying a substantial part of the income tax by failing to file a tax return for 1996, 1997 and 1998, and he falsely claimed exemptions.

It's particularly important that government employees, who should be held to a higher standard, abide by all laws including paying income taxes," said Commissioner Gill Hearn. No one is above the law and all will be expected to face the consequences of their actions."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service for their efforts in this investigation.

This investigation was conducted by Steven A. Pasichow, DOI's Inspector General at NYCHA, and Irene Serrapica, DOI's Assistant Inspector General at NYCHA.

The office of U.S. Attorney James B. Comey is handling the case. Assistant United States Attorney Marcia Cohen will prosecute.

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