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DOI ARRESTS CITY EXAMINER ON BRIBERY CHARGES

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the felony arrest of Joseph R. Kasim, the Head Examiner of the Bronx City Register's Office, for allegedly receiving \$1,640 in bribes.

Kasim, 55, of Bronx, will be charged with seven counts of Bribe Receiving in the Third Degree. If convicted, he faces up to 7 years in prison.

DOI began its investigation after receiving a tip that Kasim might be accepting bribes in order to expedite documents submitted into the Bronx City Registers Office. DOI investigators recorded seven meetings in which Kasim met with an individual who paid him \$1,640 to expedite property-related documents to be examined by the Bronx City Registers Office.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Department of Finance Commissioner Martha E. Stark, and members of her staff, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

This investigation was conducted by Assistant Commissioner Vincent E. Green, Deputy Inspector General Maureen A. Lewis, First Assistant Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo, and Special Investigator Daniel Lau.

The office of the Bronx County District Attorney is handling the case. Assistant District Attorney Dennis Consumano has been assigned to prosecute the case.

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