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**DOI STATEMENT ON THE CONVICTION OF A MAN WHO AVOIDED PAYING \$1,900 IN
PARKING FINES AND TOW FEES BY FORGING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS**

A DOI investigation led to a Manhattan Supreme Court jury today convicting KEVIN AGUILAR, 38, of two counts each of Forgery in the Second Degree, a class D felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony. He is scheduled to be sentenced on February 11, 2009 and faces a sentence of up to seven years in prison. The office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Today's conviction sends a strong message that evading lawful fines and fees owed to the City by altering official documents is not only unwise but is a crime that could result in a prison term. I thank the office of the Manhattan District Attorney for its successful prosecution of this case and the City Finance Department, which notified DOI about this matter."

AGUILAR, 38, of Manhattan, was indicted in February 2008 after DOI investigators found that on two occasions he provided false documentation regarding his mother's 2005 Kia, which had been towed. In January 2007, AGUILAR provided a City marshal with an altered City Department of Finance ("DOF") "Release Form," to avoid paying a judgment of more than \$1,300 and fees of approximately \$600. Based on the forged document, his mother's vehicle was released with no charge.

In April 2007, AGUILAR provided DOF with altered federal bankruptcy records in an unsuccessful effort to get his mother's car, which had again been towed, released without payment. An alert DOF employee noticed the alteration to the bankruptcy records and notified DOI. DOI's investigation found that the bankruptcy records were altered to make it appear falsely that his mother had filed the bankruptcy petition.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, DOF Commissioner Martha E. Stark and City Marshal Linda C. Swift, and members of their staffs, for their assistance in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Inspector General for DOF, including Inspector General Gia Morris, Deputy Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo and Confidential Investigator David Lee.

Assistant District Attorney Victoria Philips of the Special Prosecutions Bureau in the office of the New York County District Attorney tried the case before Judge Richard D. Carruthers.

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