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DOI ARRESTS SANITATION ENGINEER FOR FRAUDULENT PARKING PERMIT
—Stationary engineer allegedly used a fraudulent DSNY parking permit for two years—

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of New York City Sanitation Stationary Engineer JOSEPH BOHA for allegedly using a fraudulent Department of Sanitation (DSNY) parking permit between 2004 and 2006 to avoid any parking expenses for his personal vehicle and for the convenience of parking near his lower Manhattan work location.

BOHA, 51, of Flushing, was charged today with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a class D felony. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison. A sanitation employee since 1986, BOHA's base salary is \$32,936. BOHA had been assigned to work in lower Manhattan and in late 2006 was moved to the Queens 7 garage. Since his arrest, he has been suspended for 30 days without pay.

DOI investigators received a tip from a DSNY employee who reported that he observed an expired DSNY parking permit in BOHA's personal vehicle, which he used daily to park near his DSNY office in lower Manhattan. The complainant reported that the permit was not assigned to BOHA. Further investigation by DOI revealed the expired parking permit displayed in BOHA's vehicle was fraudulent and was a copy of an authorized DSNY parking permit that had been issued to a DSNY supervisor.

Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Forging a document to deceive a public agency is a crime, which should be obvious to everyone, particularly every city employee. These allegations serve as a reminder to all city employees that there are serious risks to this type of behavior."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DSNY Commissioner John Doherty and his staff for their cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by Tim Crowe, DOI's Inspector General for the Department of Sanitation, Acting Deputy Inspector General Yves Desire, and Special Investigator Alan Lefkof. The office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case, which is assigned to Assistant District Attorney Peirce Moser of the Special Prosecutions Bureau.

Criminal complaints are accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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