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**FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE ARRESTED**  
***--Allegedly Stole Confidential Personnel Information --***

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the felony arrest of TISSHIMA RIDLEY-ROBINSON, a former timekeeping employee at the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Human Resources Department, for accessing confidential pedigree information from the agency's employee database and distributing it outside the agency.

RIDLEY-ROBINSON, 28, of Queens, has been charged with Computer Trespass, Unlawful Duplication of Computer Related Material, Criminal Possession of Computer Related Material and Official Misconduct. If convicted, she faces up to 4 years in prison.

"Ms. RIDLEY-ROBINSON figured out a way to manipulate the system and thought she had a good thing going. She was wrong," said Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn. "My office will vigorously pursue those who violate the City's confidentiality regulations and abuse positions of trust."

DOI began its investigation in October 2002 after the New York City Police Department stopped RIDLEY-ROBINSON's brother-in-law when he tried to evade an NYPD checkpoint/roadblock. Police officers found NYCHA human resources employee records, as well as a suspended driver's license and various pieces of identification, credit cards and checkbooks in different names inside the vehicle.

DOI's investigators determined that RIDLEY-ROBINSON used her office computer to print sensitive personal information about high-ranking NYCHA personnel. She did not have NYCHA's permission or authority to access this information. RIDLEY-ROBINSON resigned from her position during the course of DOI's investigation.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Sergeant Daniel Heinz of the New York City Police Department's Special Frauds Squad and members of his staff for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI Assistant Commissioner Steven A. Pasichow and members of his staff, including Deputy Inspector General Kevin Smith and Confidential Investigator Alexandra D. Hampton.

The Office of New York District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case. Assistant District Attorney Ana Stolarz is handling the matter.

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