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DOI ARRESTS TWO CITY CORRECTION OFFICERS FOR INSURANCE FRAUD

-- One defendant claimed she was injured in an accident in Brooklyn when she was really working at Rikers Island --

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of New York City Correction Officers YVONNE WHITE and NICKOLE JACKSON for their participation in separate insurance scams in which they allegedly submitted fraudulent Police Accident Reports to several auto insurance carriers and unlawfully received more than \$30,000 in insurance payments for fictitious injuries and property damage. In the past 18 months, DOI has arrested three other correction officers in a separate insurance fraud scheme. Those three individuals have pleaded guilty.

WHITE, 45, of Brooklyn, has been charged with Insurance Fraud in the Second Degree, Insurance Fraud in the Third Degree, Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, and two counts of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree. If convicted, WHITE faces up to 15 years imprisonment. WHITE has been a correction officer for approximately seven years and earns \$54,000 a year.

DOI investigators determined that WHITE gave Allstate Insurance Company a fraudulent Police Accident Report concerning a car accident that purportedly occurred in Brooklyn in August 2000. WHITE sought reimbursement for \$30,000 of medical expenses that included magnetic resonance imaging examinations and chiropractic examinations; she also sought \$50,000 in damages based on a pain and suffering claim. DOI investigators established that WHITE was at work on Rikers Island on the date and at the time of the alleged accident. Based on WHITE's purported injuries, Allstate paid more than \$20,000 to various medical providers, and paid \$7,500 in settlement of her pain and suffering claim.

JACKSON, 32, also of Brooklyn, has been charged with Insurance Fraud in the Third Degree, Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, and Petit Larceny. If convicted, JACKSON faces up to seven years imprisonment. JACKSON has been a correction officer for approximately six years and earns \$54,000 a year.

DOI investigators determined that JACKSON attempted to receive approximately \$16,000 from two insurance carriers – State Farm and Robert Plan insurance companies – when a fraudulent police accident report completed by a fictitious police officer was submitted and claimed JACKSON had suffered physical injuries and property damage as a result of her accident. Ultimately, based on JACKSON's fraudulent claims, the insurance companies paid more than \$13,000 to JACKSON and her medical providers.

The investigation was conducted by DOI Assistant Commissioner Michael Caruso, and members of his staff including, First Deputy Inspector General Meera Joshi Cattafesta and Captain Vincent Valerio. The cases are being prosecuted by the Office of the Kings County District Attorney, Assistant District Attorneys Joseph DiBenedetto and Patrick Cappock, under the direction of Executive Assistant District Attorney Charles Guria.

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