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**DOI ARRESTS FORMER CITY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION EMPLOYEE ON CHARGES OF
SUBMITTING SEVEN FALSE LEAVE NOTES**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of CANYLLE ANDRADE, a former probationary Correction Officer with the City Department of Correction ("DOC"), on charges of submitting forged notes and other documents falsely indicating that his absences from work in November and December 2008 were for doctors' visits and other medical reasons. DOI began investigating after it was notified by DOC about irregularities in some documents that ANDRADE submitted. The office of Bronx District Attorney Robert T. Johnson is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Every City employee knows it is wrong to submit a forged note to excuse an absence from work. This employee is charged with doing so repeatedly. Fortunately, the Correction Department promptly reported this matter to DOI, and the abuse was stopped."

ANDRADE, 27, of Jackson Heights, Queens, was charged with four counts each of Forgery in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, which are class D felonies, seven counts each of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Third Degree, and Forgery in the Third Degree, which are class A misdemeanors, and related charges. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison, a class E felony by up to four years in prison and a class A misdemeanor by up to a year's incarceration.

ANDRADE was a probationary City Correction Officer from November 2005 until his employment was terminated this month. He had been assigned to the George R. Vierno Center on Rikers Island and received an annual salary of \$51,237.

According to the criminal complaint, ANDRADE gave DOC seven forged medical and leave notes, covering eight days in November and December 2008, saying he had taken time off to attend to medical issues, appointments at the New York State Workers Compensation Board, an appointment at a law firm and appointments before state and city disability entities. DOI's investigation found that the submitted letters were fakes and that the documents included misspellings, typographical errors and incomplete or unintelligible phrasing. In addition, DOI found that the documented visits never occurred.

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DOI's investigation found that ANDRADE submitted the notes to explain unexcused absences, for which he had been marked absent without leave. He was not paid for any of the eight requested leave days.

DOI thanked Bronx District Attorney Robert T. Johnson and DOC Commissioner Martin F. Horn, and their staffs, for their cooperation in the investigation, especially Warden Carmine Labruzzo, Commanding Officer of the George R. Vierno Center.

The investigation was conducted by DOI Office of the Inspector General Correctional Services Unit.

The case has been assigned to Assistant District Attorney Joshua F. Magri of the Bronx District Attorney's Office under the supervision of Chief of the Rackets Bureau Thomas Leahy.

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

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