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DOI ARRESTS A NYCHA EMPLOYEE FOR ALLEGEDLY TAKING SUPPLIES FROM HIS WORKPLACE
--The supplies found in his possession are estimated to be worth at least \$500--

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of BARRY WILSON, an employee of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), for allegedly stealing supplies from his work location.

WILSON, 52, of Brooklyn, NY, is charged with Petit Larceny and Official Misconduct, each are class A misdemeanors. If convicted, he faces up to one year in jail.

DOI received a tip from a concerned citizen that WILSON, a supervisor with 29 years on the job, was allegedly taking NYCHA supplies and was storing them in his garage and basement. A lawful search of WILSON's residence found several items marked "Property of NYCHA" as well as numerous other items such as plumbing fixtures, electrical fixtures, some of which were installed in the house, and various other janitorial supplies that were confirmed to be NYCHA property. The NYCHA property found in WILSON's possession was estimated to be at least a \$500 value, but less than \$1,000. WILSON is a supervisor at Wald Houses, one of the more than 300 housing developments under NYCHA's management, where he oversees a cleaning staff.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "City employees who walk off with supplies from the job not only steal from the taxpayer but also from the people they are serving. In this case, the victims are the residents of Wald Houses."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez and members of his staff for their assistance in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Inspector General for NYCHA, Robert J. McSweeney, and members of his staff, including Deputy Inspector General Ralph Iannuzzi, Assistant Inspector General Anthony Capek and Chief Investigator John Reatz.

The Office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case.

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