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DOI ARRESTS EMT FOR FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTIONS FOR PAIN KILLERS

Rose Gill Hearn, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of New York City Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Daniel G. Burbridge for fraudulently placing orders, via telephone, for medical drugs from a pharmacy located in New Castle, Delaware.

Burbridge, 32, of New Castle, Delaware, who earns \$38,030 a year, will be charged with four counts of Obtaining a Controlled Substance by Fraud. If convicted on all charges, he faces up to three years in prison.

Burbridge, who has been an EMT for nearly five years, has been on medical leave with the New York City Fire Department (FDNY). Burbridge allegedly received medical drugs from a pharmacy by placing false orders utilizing the name and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) code of a doctor employed by FDNY in the Bureau of Health Services. According to the complainant/ pharmacist, as of February 2006, Burbridge filled four prescriptions for pain medications such as Xanax, Vicodin, and Klonopin at a pharmacy in Delaware. The complainant/ pharmacist questioned the validity of the prescriptions and notified FDNY, which immediately reported the alleged misconduct to DOI.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This defendant has presented himself with many problems that potentially include a criminal record and the loss of a prestigious job. Despite one's troubles, there are no excuses for breaking the law."

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and his staff and the Delaware State Office of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs for their assistance and cooperation in this case.

This investigation was conducted jointly by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for FDNY and the Delaware State Police Office of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. The Delaware State Attorney General's Office is handling the case with Deputy Attorney General Anne Marie Hayes prosecuting.

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

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