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**DOI ARRESTS FDNY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ON CHARGES OF
FALSIFYING MEDICAL LEAVE DOCUMENTS AND COMMITTING INSURANCE FRAUD**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest of KIM WHITE, an Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") employed by the New York City Fire Department ("FDNY"), on charges of altering and falsifying FDNY medical leave documents and faxing them to an insurance company to obtain approximately \$2,266 in insurance benefits he was not entitled to collect.

WHITE, 53 of Brooklyn, was arrested and charged late Monday, December 8, 2008, with Forgery in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree and Tampering with Public Records in the First Degree, class D felonies, and Insurance Fraud in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony. WHITE was also charged with Forgery in the Third Degree, Tampering with Public Records in the Second Degree and Insurance Fraud in the Fifth Degree, class A misdemeanors. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison and a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year's incarceration.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Everyone, but especially City employees, should know that tampering with official City documents to obtain benefits fraudulently is a crime. This arrest demonstrates that DOI is committed to working with our colleagues to stop that kind of illegal conduct."

WHITE has been employed as a FDNY EMT since 1990 and receives an annual salary of approximately \$41,600. As a result of the arrest, WHITE is expected to be suspended.

DOI began its investigation after it received a tip from the New York State Insurance Department Frauds Bureau.

According to the criminal complaint, WHITE altered official FDNY medical leave documents by changing dates, deleting references to line-of-duty payments he had received from FDNY and falsely changing his status from a limited-duty EMT to a full-duty EMT. WHITE then faxed the documents in November 2007 from FDNY headquarters in Brooklyn, to a life insurance company, to receive a payout on his benefits. As a result, he received three checks that totaled approximately \$2,266. The investigation found that WHITE was not authorized to submit the medical leave documents to the insurance company and was not entitled to the three checks, according to the criminal complaint.

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Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and his staff for their assistance and cooperation in this case.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for FDNY and the New York State Insurance Frauds Bureau.

The office of Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

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

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