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**DOI ARRESTS CITY CORRECTION OFFICER CHARGED WITH FALSIFYING DOCTORS NOTES
AND STEALING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN SICK PAY**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest of DANA WILLIAMS, a Correction Officer with the New York City Department of Correction ("DOC"), on charges of submitting 14 false "physician summary reports" to the DOC between January 2005 and April 2006 and receiving approximately \$50,000 in sick pay she was not entitled to collect. The office of Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown is prosecuting the case.

WILLIAMS, 36, of Huntington, N.Y., was charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and 14 counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, class D felonies, and 14 counts each of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, class E felonies. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison and a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison.

WILLIAMS has been employed with DOC as a Correction Officer since 1997 and currently receives an annual salary of \$68,475.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "The defendant arrested today should have learned long ago that faking doctors' notes to collect sick pay is one of the oldest and least successful tricks in the book. It's a crime that wastes precious taxpayer funds."

Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown said, "The defendant is accused of having tarnished the badge of her fellow Department of Correction employees and having stolen more than \$50,000 in unearned salary. In these times of fiscal belt-tightening, it is extremely important that every City dollar is spent on services and not used to selfishly enrich dishonest employees."

DOI began its investigation after it was notified by DOC about irregularities in documents submitted by WILLIAMS. According to the criminal complaint, on 14 dates between January 2005 and April 2006, WILLIAMS submitted "physician summary reports" to DOC's Health Management Division in Queens, where they are used in part to calculate sick pay. The reports were purportedly signed by a doctor. The investigation found that the doctor did not author or sign any of the reports, he did not authorize anyone to prepare such reports and he did not treat WILLIAMS on the dates indicated on the reports. As a result of the false submissions, WILLIAMS received approximately \$50,000 in sick pay she was not entitled to collect, according to the criminal complaint.

DOI thanked DOC Commissioner Martin F. Horn and his staff, including Warden Juan Quinones, Commanding Officer of the Health Management Division, for their cooperation.

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

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Daniel J. O'Leary of the office of the Queens County District Attorney, under the direction of James M. Liander, Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau.

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