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**DOI ARRESTS FORMER PARKS WORKER FOR CASHING A STOLEN PAYCHECK**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the felony arrest of Marilyn Alvarez, a former employee for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, for allegedly cashing a paycheck worth \$378 belonging to a current City Parks Worker.

Alvarez, 27, of the Bronx will be charged with Forgery in the Second Degree, a 'D' felony, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, Second Degree, a 'D' felony, Petit Larceny, an 'A' misdemeanor, and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, an 'A' misdemeanor. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison. Alvarez worked at the Parks Dept. from May 1, 2003 to November 2, 2003 as a job training participant in District Six in the Bronx

DOI began its investigation after receiving a complaint that the paycheck of a Parks employee working at District Six in the Bronx had been stolen and cashed at a check cashing establishment directly across the street from the jobsite. The employee never received her paycheck, which had been issued the day it had been cashed. DOI investigators determined that Alvarez found the paycheck on the floor of an office while she was waiting for a friend, a current Parks employee, to pick up her own paycheck.

Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn thanked Department of Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe and members of his staff, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by Assistant Commissioner Vincent E. Green, Deputy Inspector General Theresa Land-Latta, Assistant Inspector General Jeff Dolcimascolo, Acting Chief Investigator Bela Ortiz and Special Investigator Herman Haynes. The Bronx District Attorney's Office will handle the prosecution of the case.

Criminal complaints are merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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