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**DOI INVESTIGATION LEADS TO INDICTMENT OF CITY CORRECTION OFFICER ON CHARGES
OF ASSAULTING TWO INMATES AND ATTEMPTING TO ASSAULT A THIRD INMATE**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest of a Correction Officer with the City Department of Correction ("DOC") on charges of assaulting three inmates at the Robert N. Davoren Complex ("RNDC") on Rikers Island and falsifying an internal DOC record related to one of the assaults. The office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "City Correction Officers are entrusted with maintaining order and safety within the City's jails, not meting out renegade punishment to inmates. This arrest underscores that any City employee who chooses to abuse his authority, especially by preying on others, will be arrested and prosecuted. DOI worked together with the Bronx District Attorney's Office to expose this charged wrongdoing. I commend the Correction Department for notifying us of these allegations and for taking prompt action."

TIMOTHY MUNROE, 24, of Brooklyn, is charged with one count each of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree and Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, which are class E felonies; two counts each of Falsifying Business Records in the Second Degree and Assault in the Third Degree, which are class A misdemeanors; and Attempted Assault in the Third Degree, a class B misdemeanor. Upon conviction, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison, a class A misdemeanor by up to a year's incarceration, and a class B misdemeanor is up to three months in jail. He was arraigned late today in Bronx Supreme Court and held on \$100,000 bond. He is scheduled to return to court November 6, 2009.

These charges resulted from an ongoing DOI investigation into reports of serious injuries to inmates at the RNDC. In addition, DOI also was notified by DOC about use of force allegations involving MUNROE.

DOI's investigation found that in December 2008 MUNROE punched an 18-year-old inmate in the face, seriously injuring him, and also slapped a 17-year-old inmate. DOI's investigation also found that in January 2009, MUNROE left his post at the RNDC and punched a 20-year-old inmate who attempted to walk away from him. MUNROE later submitted a report to DOC falsely claiming that at the time of the incident he was on a special assignment.

MUNROE has been employed by DOC since November 2006 and currently receives an annual salary of approximately \$45,099. He was suspended in January 2009 and since that time has been prohibited from having contact with inmates. Since returning from suspension in March 2009, he has been on modified duty.

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Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson and DOC Commissioner Dora Schriro and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of Inspector General for DOC.

Assistant District Attorney Maria Mostajo of the Bronx County District Attorney's office has been assigned to prosecute the case.

An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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