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**DOI ARRESTS MAN FOR BRIBING AN UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATOR**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation, announced today the arrest of ANGEL PEREZ for allegedly paying two \$50 bribes to an undercover investigator posing as a New York City sidewalk inspector in order to avoid receiving summonses for not having the requisite permits while conducting sidewalk construction in the Bronx.

PEREZ, 60, of the Bronx, has been charged with three counts of Bribery in the Third Degree, Rewarding Official Misconduct in the Second Degree, and Obstructing Governmental Administration in the Second Degree. If convicted, he faces up to 7 years in prison.

On two occasions, on March 2 and March 4 2004, PEREZ paid a DOI undercover investigator \$50 (a total of \$100) to avoid receiving summonses for conducting sidewalk construction work at 416 East 138<sup>th</sup> Street in the Bronx without the required DOT permits. PEREZ was an independent contractor working at the location. DOI's investigation began after a DOT inspector reported that PEREZ had offered him the \$50 bribe in lieu of receiving summonses that would have totaled approximately \$1050 (\$800 for working without a DOT permit and \$250 for sidewalk obstruction).

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This defendant now knows that there was a large crack in his scheme – an honest DOT inspector immediately reported the bribery attempt to DOI. I commend the DOT employee who reported the wrongdoing. However, I warn those who erroneously think that their attempts to bribe City workers will be more successful because they won't be. Individuals attempting to bribe City employees will be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law just as those who accept bribes are."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DOT Commissioner Iris Weinshall and her staff for their assistance in this investigation.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Inspector General for DOT Mary T. Piechocki and members of her staff, including First Deputy Inspector General John Bellanie, Counsel for the Inspector General Gia Morris, Assistant Inspector General Edward Zinser and Confidential Investigator Omar Sarach. The Office of Bronx District Attorney Robert T. Johnson will handle these matters. Assistant District Attorney Jean-Louis Cauvin will prosecute.

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

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