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**DOI ARRESTS HOUSING AUTHORITY RESIDENT FOR OBTAINING  
AN ESTIMATED \$25,257 IN RENT SUBSIDIES**  
*--Allegedly filed false affidavits of income--*

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of DONNELLA WHITE, a former employee of Fedcap Rehabilitation Services and a New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") resident, for unlawfully obtaining approximately \$25,257 in rent subsidies from 1999 to 2005.

WHITE, 38, of Manhattan, was arrested Thursday and will be charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony; 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a class D felony; and 4 counts of Offering a False Instrument in the First Degree, a class E felony. If convicted, WHITE faces up to seven years in prison.

WHITE is the tenant of record of a two-bedroom apartment in NYCHA's Lincoln Houses in Manhattan since 1991. She allegedly filed false "Affidavits of Income" with NYCHA from 1999 through 2005.

DOI investigators found that WHITE failed to report to NYCHA the income she received from Fedcap Rehabilitation Services in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, which ranged from an estimated \$15,260 to \$18,509 annually. In addition, WHITE allegedly submitted forged forms in 2004 and 2005 that underreported her employment income. Prior to underreporting her employment income, WHITE allegedly told NYCHA her only source of money was in the form of contributions from family friends. As a result, WHITE's rent was calculated at a rate between \$66 and \$186 a month. If she had accurately reported her income to NYCHA, WHITE would have paid between \$382 and \$449 a month in rent.

This investigation was conducted by NYCHA Inspector General Robert J. McSweeney and members of his staff, including Assistant Inspector General Anthony Capek and Special Investigator Denis Kennedy. The Office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case.

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

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