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**DOI ARRESTS PRESIDENT OF SHAWN CONSTRUCTION FOR
ALLEGEDLY FILING FALSE DOCUMENTS WITH THE CITY**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of CHAUDHRY ALI, the president of Shawn Construction Inc., for allegedly filing false documents with the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY). Shawn Construction, of Brooklyn, was the winning bidder on a DSNY contract to rehabilitate the roof of a City sanitation property in Brooklyn. The submitted documents satisfied a requirement to subcontract 10% of the contract to a locally-based enterprise.

ALI, 43, of Brooklyn, was charged today with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a D felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, an E felony. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison.

Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This individual allegedly lied to the City in an effort to build up his company's bank account. Instead, he is now facing criminal charges. This case should be a warning to unscrupulous business owners that DOI remains vigilant on this issue. Filing false documents with the City for your own gain is not just unethical, it is illegal."

DOI investigators received a tip in July 2006 from a DSNY employee who alleged that ALI falsified and submitted documents representing that Shawn Construction subcontracted 10% of the \$470,012 contract to a locally-based enterprise. DOI's investigation determined that ALI filed paperwork with DSNY representing that he subcontracted 10% of the contract to H & M Construction, a locally-based contractor. However, the DOI investigation found that ALI's company performed the work and retained the money, about \$47,000. In addition, the investigation revealed that H & M Construction, of Brooklyn, had no knowledge they were designated by Shawn Construction as the locally-based contractor. Shawn Construction completed the roof rehabilitation. But based on the DOI investigation, the City has withheld paying Shawn Construction about \$100,000.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DSNY Commissioner John Doherty and his staff for their cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by Tim Crowe, DOI's Inspector General for the Department of Sanitation, Acting Deputy Inspector General Yves Desire, and Confidential Investigator Charles Busch. The office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case, which is assigned to Assistant District Attorney Pamela J. Dickson of the Special Prosecutions Bureau.

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

DOI is one of the oldest law-enforcement agencies in the country. The agency investigates and refers for prosecution City employees and contractors engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities or unethical conduct. Investigations may involve any agency, officer, elected official or employee of the City, as well as those who do business with or receive benefits from the City.

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