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**DOI ARRESTS TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ("FDNY")
ON CHARGES OF FALSIFYING TIME RECORDS TO GET PAID FOR WORK EVEN THOUGH
THEY DID NOT COMPLETE THEIR SHIFTS**

***--DOI's investigation found that these employees were each paid a total of
approximately \$1,000 for time they did not work--***

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrests of EUGENE COOPER and CLAUDE JOLY of the New York City Fire Department ("FDNY") on charges that between October 2007 and February 2008 each falsified time records to reflect they worked a full day when they actually left work early. COOPER and JOLY worked as Confidential Investigators in the FDNY's Drug Testing Unit, which tests FDNY employees for drugs and alcohol.

COOPER, 33, of Brooklyn, and JOLY, 36, of Manhattan, were each charged Wednesday, March 5, 2008, with Petit Larceny, Falsifying Business Records in the Second Degree, Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the Second Degree and Official Misconduct, which are class A misdemeanors. They were each also charged with Attempted Petit Larceny, a class B misdemeanor. If convicted, each faces up to one year in jail.

COOPER was employed by the FDNY since September 2005 and earned an annual salary of \$45,380. JOLY was employed by the FDNY since October 2004 and earned an annual salary of \$47,220. They both resigned from their jobs this week.

DOI began investigating after it received a complaint regarding COOPER and JOLY leaving work early. According to the criminal court complaints and the DOI investigation, COOPER and JOLY were assigned to work five days a week. A DOI investigator witnessed COOPER and JOLY during the shifts they were assigned to work between 4 p.m. and 12 a.m. leave work prior to the end of their shifts and go to their respective homes. Even though they left work early, COOPER and JOLY completed their time records to reflect that they worked a full shift. Between October 2007 and February 2008, COOPER was paid for 38½ hours and JOLY was paid for 31½ hours of work – approximately \$1,000 each – even though they did not work those hours.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "A City employee who purposefully misstates his work hours in an attempt to garner extra cash at the taxpayer's expense should know that there are consequences to that corrupt act. As these charges show, these employees thought they could scam the time keeping system, but DOI investigators foiled that scheme. City employees who become engaged in this type of criminal conduct should know that DOI will investigate and they will be caught."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta for his and his staff's assistance and cooperation in this case.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for FDNY. The Office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

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

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