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DOI ARRESTS CITY SANITATION WORKER FOR ALLEGEDLY STEALING FROM DEP FACILITY
--Sanitation employee is accused of taking about 100 used water meters worth an estimated \$1,000 --

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of MANUEL SALGADO, a New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) worker, for allegedly stealing about 100 used water meters from a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) storage facility at 1-19 Washington Street, Brooklyn. A DOI investigation found that SALGADO planned to sell the used water meters as scrap metal.

SALGADO, 55, of Brooklyn, is a seventeen year veteran of DSNY. He is assigned to the Brooklyn North 2 Garage and earns \$57,392 annually as a Sanitation Worker. He was charged with Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony; Petit Larceny, a class A misdemeanor; Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony; Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, a class A misdemeanor and Commercial Bribing in the Second Degree, a class A misdemeanor. If convicted, SALGADO faces up to four years in prison.

Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This Sanitation employee tried to scam the City by allegedly offering a bribe in order to steal equipment from a DEP facility in Brooklyn. But DOI investigators, DEP police and a vigilant security firm -- entrusted with patrolling the Brooklyn facility -- foiled this individual's scheme. Being a municipal employee is not a permit to take City property and steal from the taxpayers."

DOI began its investigation last week after the management of FJC Security, which has a DEP contract to provide security services at the Brooklyn DEP storage facility, discovered that SALGADO approached a private security guard at the DEP Brooklyn facility. SALGADO was reported to be driving a marked DSNY vehicle and was in uniform when he allegedly offered the security guard a \$200 cash payment in order to enter the facility after hours to take used meters. SALGADO informed the security guard that he would pay the money when the guard let him into the facility.

FJC Security reported the scheme to the DEP Security Department, which subsequently informed DOI. The meeting between SALGADO and the security guard had been pre-arranged for the evening of Sunday, April 1, 2007.

DOI and the DEP Police conducted covert surveillance of the facility on April 1, 2007. That night, at approximately 6:30 p.m., investigators observed SALGADO arriving at the storage facility in his personal sport utility vehicle. When he approached the facility's gate, SALGADO allegedly told the guard that he only had \$20 with him, but would provide the rest of the promised money after he sold the water meters to a scrap dealer. The guard allowed SALGADO to enter the facility where he was observed filling his SUV with the used water meters. When SALGADO completed loading his SUV, DOI and DEP Police investigators arrested him. At the time of his arrest, investigators found approximately 100 used water meters worth an estimated \$1,000 in SALGADO's vehicle.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd, and members of her staff, including DEP Director of Security Frank Munuri and Detectives from the DEP Police Division, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation. In addition, Commissioner Gill Hearn also thanked the management of FJC Security for the firm's assistance.

The investigation, which is ongoing, was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for DEP, under the direction of Deputy Assistant Commissioner John B. Kantor, Deputy Inspector General Michael Carroll, First Assistant Inspector General Michael Healy and Confidential Investigator Max Adler, as well as DOI's Office of the Inspector General for DSNY, under the direction of Inspector General Timothy Crowe, and members of his staff, including Special Investigator Thomas Spirakis, Special Investigator Alan Lefkof and Confidential Investigator Charles Busch. The Office of Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes is prosecuting the case.

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

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