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DOI ARRESTS CITY EMPLOYEE FOR USING CITY COMPUTER TO ACCESS CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the felony arrest of DAVID CONLON, Director of Printing Services for the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), for using his office computer to access Internet sites containing sexually explicit photographs of children. On several dates in February 2004, CONLON viewed and downloaded more than 250 photographs that depicted children engaging in sexual conduct.

CONLON, 54, of Staten Island, was charged with Possessing a Sexual Performance by a Child. If convicted, CONLON faces up to four years in jail.

Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "The conduct with which MR. CONLON has been charged is abhorrent because the photographs exploit and harm children. MR. CONLON used his office computer to engage in these loathsome and illegal activities when he should have been working on behalf of taxpayers."

DOI's investigation began after DCAS reported that its Internet filters had detected a large amount of usage by CONLON and that some of his web surfing may have included inappropriate content. DOI investigators determined that Conlon had used his DCAS computer to access a variety of Internet sites of a personal nature, including sites containing adult pornography and sites containing sexually explicit photographs of children. Conlon was interviewed by DOI investigators and admitted to this conduct.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn thanked DCAS Commissioner Martha Hirst and her staff for their assistance and cooperation during the investigation. In addition, Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the NYPD Computer Crimes Squad, including Inspector Quinlan and Detective Jeannie Finucane, for their assistance.

This investigation was conducted by DCAS Inspector General Robert Joyce and members of his staff. This investigation was conducted with the assistance of DOI's CISAFE Unit, including Special Investigator Erskine Fleming, and the Office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau. Assistant District Attorney Darcy Katzin will prosecute, under the supervision of Lisa Friel, Chief of the Sex Crimes Prosecution Unit.

Criminal complaints are merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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