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### **DOI ARRESTS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE CLERK IN TICKET-FIXING SCAM**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement today regarding the arrest and indictment of KAREN FRAZIER, 42, a City Department of Finance ("DOF") data entry clerk charged with defrauding the City of more than \$24,000 in a ticket-fixing scheme she ran out of a Brooklyn Bodega. DOI began its investigation after it was notified by DOF that one of its employees was submitting bad checks to settle individuals' parking summonses. The case is being prosecuted by the office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This corrupt clerk literally set up a ticket-fixing shop and raked in cash bribes at the taxpayers' expense, according to the criminal charges. She was also brazen and foolish enough to create a paper trail of bounced checks, forged documents, and doctored records that led right back to her. Her arrest and indictment stand as a stern reminder of the consequences of fraud and corruption against the City. DOI will continue to work with District Attorney Vance and our fellow City agencies to root out these crimes."

DOF Commissioner David M. Frankel said, "New Yorkers have a right to expect that City workers are not abusing their positions for personal profit. We will not tolerate any action that blemishes the reputation of the 2,100 hard-working Finance employees dedicated to public service and violates the public's trust. We will aggressively pursue charges against any employee who breaks the law."

As charged in the indictment, DOI's investigation found that between approximately October 2008 and August 2009 FRAZIER abused her access to DOF's processes, forms, records, and computers for adjudicating and settling tickets to fabricate phony settlements and dismissals for individuals who had paid her in cash to "take care of" their parking tickets. In carrying out her scheme, FRAZIER falsified various DOF records. In addition, according to the indictment, Frazier submitted 104 worthless checks, with a total face value of \$24,800, to DOF for 82 outstanding parking summonses that had been issued to 20 individuals.

FRAZIER began working for DOF in 2004, was assigned to DOF's parking adjudications unit in Manhattan, and at the time of her suspension in March 2010 received an annual salary of approximately \$33,746. Frazier was suspended as a result of this investigation.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., and DOF Commissioner David M. Frankel and their staffs for their assistance in this matter.

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The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of Inspector General for DOF, in particular Special Investigator Kristin Walunas, under the supervision of Deputy Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo and Inspector General Faisal Khan.

Assistant District Attorney Amy Justiniano of the New York County District Attorney's Office is assigned to the prosecution under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Thomas Wornom, Chief of the Special Prosecutions Bureau.

An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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