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DOI ARRESTS CITY BUS DRIVER AND NURSE FOR HOUSING FRAUD
-- They tried to steal more than \$38,000 in rent subsidies --

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the felony arrests of LLOYD WOLFE and VIRGINIA WOLFE for stealing more than \$38,000 in Section 8 rent subsidy funds from the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD).

LLOYD WOLFE, 54, AND VIRGINIA WOLFE, 50, both of the Bronx, have been charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class "D" Felony. If convicted, they face up to 7 years in prison. LLOYD has been a bus driver with New York City Transit for nearly three years and VIRGINIA has been a public health nurse with New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for four and one-half years.

DOI's investigation began when HPD reported that the WOLFES had accepted rent subsidies to which they were not entitled. Due to a clerical error, the WOLFES received Section 8 subsidies for three tenants even though only one legitimate tenant resided in their apartment building on College Ave. in the Bronx. DOI investigators determined that from April 2000 until June 2003 the WOLFES received undeserved HPD Section 8 rent subsidies ranging from \$621 to \$9415 for two extra tenants who did not reside in the WOLFE's apartment building. The WOLFES allegedly cashed these undeserved checks and did not report the clerical error to HPD.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "The City will take action against those who don't need or illegally try to obtain scarce subsidized housing. I congratulate the alert HPD worker who reported this attempt to defraud the City. "

This case is part of an on-going effort by DOI to root out Section 8 fraud. Last week, DOI arrested nine individuals who were involved in a fraudulent scheme to obtain Section 8 rent subsidies from HPD. In that case, a tenant in a City-owned building allegedly attempted to help nine others unlawfully obtain a rent voucher by letting them falsely claim they lived in the same apartment building. DOI investigators are seeking a tenth individual connected to that scheme.

This investigation was conducted by DOI Assistant Commissioner Vincent E. Green and members of his staff including Frank Sinatra, First Deputy Inspector General, and David Jordan, Assistant Inspector General. The office of Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson is handling this matter. Assistant District Attorney Rachel Singer of the Rackets Bureau will prosecute.

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