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FORMER X-RAY TECHNICIAN ARRESTED FOR STEALING TIME

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the felony arrest of RICHARD KULIG, a former X-ray Technician in the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), who is charged with stealing more than \$22,000 in City wages for time he spent working at a private radiology lab.

KULIG, 36, of Middle Village, Queens, has been charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison.

Commissioner Hearn said, "DOI doesn't believe in ghosts, especially on the City's payroll. When you're on the clock and collecting money from your City job, you're expected to be working – for the City."

DOI's investigation began in late 2003, when OCME employees reported that they believed that Kulig was working at an outside job on City time. The felony complaint charges that from May 20, 2002 through February 9, 2004, Kulig clocked approximately 1,050 hours at OCME's office at 520 First Avenue, Manhattan, when he was working instead at a private radiology firm as a paid technician. OCME paid Kulig more than \$22,000 for those hours. In February 2004, OCME terminated Kulig's City employment.

DOI's investigation was conducted by Assistant Commissioner Steve Pasichow, Inspector General for OCME Sam Amorese, and members of his staff, including Special Investigator Virginia Arana. The office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case, which has been assigned to Assistant District Attorney Duncan Levin of the Special Prosecutions Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Leroy Frazer and Tom Wornom.

Commissioner Hearn thanked the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Charles S. Hirsch, and his staff for their assistance in this case.

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