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**DOI ARRESTS DHS EMPLOYEE FOR FALSE LOST-CHECK CLAIM**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of SHIRLEY MCDANIEL, a clerical employee with the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS), on felony charges that she falsely claimed that she had not received and cashed her \$785 City paycheck and so obtained another check for the same amount.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Filing a false lost-check claim with the City is not the way to make extra money. This employee now faces not only the permanent loss of her future City paychecks but also criminal prosecution and possibly jail."

MCDANIEL, 46, of the Bronx, a 20-year employee in DHS's Division of Family Services, (DFS), annual salary \$27,681, has been charged with two counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class "E" felony, and Petit Larceny, a class "A" misdemeanor. If convicted, she faces up to four years in prison.

DOI's investigation established that in March 2006 MCDANIEL filed two false affidavits with the City's Office of Payroll Administration (OPA) in which she falsely claimed that she had not received her February 24, 2006 paycheck and had not endorsed it or received any money from it. DOI initially received the complaint from the check-cashing business where MCDANIEL, on February 24, 2006, cashed her original paycheck. The check-casher gave the City a photograph of MCDANIEL cashing her check while presenting her DHS photo-identification card. Because of MCDANIEL's false sworn statements, OPA stopped payment of the original check and gave MCDANIEL a replacement, which she cashed on April 19, 2006.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn praised the check-cashing establishment for immediately reporting the theft of City funds and thanked DHS Commissioner Martin Oesterreich, OPA Executive Director Joel Bondy, and their respective staffs for their assistance in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Inspector General's Office for the OPA, specifically Assistant Commissioner Robert Joyce, Inspector General Gia L. Morris, First Deputy Inspector General Maureen Thomas-Lewis, and First Assistant Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo.

The office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case, which has been assigned to Assistant District Attorney Joanne Siegmund

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