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\$500 BRIBE TO BUILDINGS INSPECTOR ENDS IN SWIFT DOI ARREST

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of MAO LIN on bribery charges after he gave \$500 to a Department of Buildings (DOB) investigative inspector to ignore construction work performed in violation of a previous stop work order issued against the premises where LIN operates a signage business.

LIN, 35, of Brooklyn, was arrested June 5, 2006, and charged with Bribery in the Third Degree. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in jail.

The premises at 2 Spring Street in Manhattan were subject to a stop work order issued by DOB in May 2006 for construction work performed at the site that was contrary to plans previously approved by DOB. During a follow-up inspection of the work site by a DOB construction inspector on Friday, June 2, 2006, it was discovered that construction work had been completed despite the stop work order. LIN offered an undisclosed amount of money to the inspector to ignore the work. The DOB inspector declined the offer and immediately reported the attempted bribe to DOI.

Following the reported bribe attempt, DOI sent an investigative inspector assigned to DOB's Special Investigation Unit, which is supervised by DOI, to the site later that day. LIN again offered a bribe, and gave \$500 to the investigative inspector to ignore the fact that construction work had been completed prior to the stop work order being lifted. LIN was subsequently arrested on June 5 at the Spring Street location.

Commissioner GILL HEARN commended the DOB construction inspector for immediately reporting the illegal bribe offer to DOI. She noted that, "this case shows that our City employees are dedicated to an honest work environment and that anyone who attempts to corrupt our public servants will be subject to arrest."

Commissioner GILL HEARN thanked DOB Commissioner Patricia Lancaster and her staff for their assistance in this investigation.

This case was investigated by DOI's Inspector General for DOB John Woods and members of his staff, including Deputy Inspector General Joseph Ferraro, Investigators Eugenia Wells and Sadie Lopez, and the DOI Squad. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office will handle the prosecution of the case.

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