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**STATEMENT FROM DOI ON SENTENCING OF JOHN NEVAREZ TO 3 TO 6 YEARS IN PRISON
FOR SUBMITTING PHONY DOCUMENTS TO GET PARKING TICKETS DISMISSED**

Today, in New York County Supreme Court, JOHN NEVAREZ (NEVAREZ) was sentenced to 3 to 6 years for submitting phony documents to the City Department of Finance (DOF) to get parking tickets dismissed.

After a DOI investigation, NEVAREZ, 55, of Manhattan, was indicted in November 2006 on charges of submitting approximately 32 fraudulent documents in order to have 16 parking summonses dismissed. In May 2007, he pleaded guilty to Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree in New York County Supreme Court.

DOI began its investigation after it was notified by DOF that NEVAREZ, who had appeared at DOF administrative hearings claiming to represent registered owners or operators of vehicles that had received summonses, was submitting phony records to DOF. DOI's investigation revealed that NEVAREZ submitted phony receipts to hearing officers that falsely indicated the vehicles in question did not deserve summonses because the vehicles were disabled at the time the summonses were issued and that the vehicles subsequently had been towed and repaired. DOI determined the vehicles were not disabled at the time the summonses were issued and the receipts presented at the hearings had not been issued by the companies listed on the letterhead. NEVAREZ charged the owners or operators of these vehicles approximately 50% of the value of the summonses for his representation at the hearings.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Mr. Nevarez tried to scam the system. Instead, he swindled his way into a prison sentence. His crime was serious and the individuals he represented, whose tickets were wrongfully dismissed, were victimized by his selfishness. DOI will continue to vigilantly pursue this type of illegal behavior."

NEVAREZ has been the subject of several newspaper articles chronicling his exploits both on this case and on an unrelated case involving immigrants seeking green cards. In the immigration case, NEVAREZ pleaded guilty to Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and received a concurrent sentence of 3 to 6 years in prison.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the City Department of Finance's Commissioner Martha E. Stark, and members of her staff, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation. The investigation was conducted by Assistant Commissioner Robert Joyce, Inspector General Gia L. Morris and First Assistant Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo.

Assistant District Attorney Om Gillett from the Office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau was assigned to prosecute both cases against NEVAREZ.

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