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**DOI ARRESTS WOMAN FOR FILING FALSE DOCUMENTS WITH THE CITY
TO OBTAIN A SECOND BAIL REFUND CHECK WORTH \$1,000**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of GUINEVERE HABERSHAM (HABERSHAM) on charges that she falsely claimed she did not receive a \$1,000 City bail refund check that was issued to her after posting bail for another individual. As a result, she obtained another \$1,000 check from the City, which she also cashed.

HABERSHAM, 25, of Brooklyn, has been charged with 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.

The investigation began after the City Department of Finance (DOF) notified DOI that HABERSHAM had filed an affidavit in July 2006 in which she claimed she had not received her April 12, 2006 bail refund check in the amount of \$1,000. In addition, she claimed she had not endorsed the check or received any money from it. Investigators determined that the July 2006 affidavit HABERSHAM filed was false because DOI obtained a photograph of HABERSHAM cashing the April 12, 2006 check at a check cashing establishment with her New York State Department of Motor Vehicle Identification card in view. DOI determined that HABERSHAM also cashed the replacement check that was issued to her as a result of her false affidavit submitted to DOF. In all, HABERSHAM received \$2,000, only \$1,000 of which she was entitled.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Those who think they can make some fast cash by filing a false check claim should think twice. As these allegations show, DOI will pursue those who try to skim money from the City coffers, cheating taxpayers."

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, First Assistant Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo and Confidential Investigator Theresa Siame.

The Office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case, which has been assigned to Assistant District Attorney Tara Daly.

Criminal complaints are accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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