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**DOI ARRESTS NEW YORK CITY CORRECTION OFFICER FOR ALLEGEDLY SUBMITTING FRAUDULENT MILITARY LEAVE SLIPS THAT RESULTED IN MORE THAN \$2,000 WRONGFULLY PAID TO EMPLOYEE**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the culmination of an investigation that resulted in the indictment and arrest by the Bronx District Attorney's Office of a Correction Officer with the New York City Department of Correction (DOC) for allegedly submitting forged excuse notes that claimed he was attending military duty.

WILLIAM WALSH, 46, of Coram, N. Y., is charged with one count of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony; one count of Defrauding the Government, a class E felony; nine counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, class D felonies; nine counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, class E felonies; nine counts of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, class E felonies, and five counts Official Misconduct, a class A misdemeanor.

If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison.

DOI began investigating after a tip from DOC and found that between February and August 2005 WALSH submitted nine notes to DOC notifying the agency that he was going to attend military service for a total of 11 days. Based on these notes, DOC paid WALSH over \$2,000 in military leave pay. DOI determined the notes WALSH submitted were not authentic military leave documents. In addition, DOI also determined that there was no record of WALSH being on military duty the dates he claimed in the military leave notes he submitted to DOC.

Walsh has been a Correction Officer for six years and earns an annual salary of \$63,309.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "As these allegations show, trying to pocket extra cash by forging City documents will only result in an arrest and prosecution. The Correction Officer arrested in this case is not only accused of committing a crime but also of breaching the trust that the Department of Correction placed in him. DOI will continue to pursue this type of criminal conduct."

DOC Commissioner Martin F. Horn said, "If true, these charges are an affront to the thousands of New York City correction officers who work hard around the clock to keep our jails and

our City safe. It is particularly unfortunate because leave time for military service is important to both our officers, many of whom serve, and to the strength of our military and national security."

DOI thanked DOC Commissioner Martin F. Horn and his staff and the staff of the Army National Guard for their cooperation.

These investigations were conducted by DOI Inspector General, Meera Joshi Cattafesta and members of her staff, including Captain Vincent Valerio. The Office of the Bronx County District Attorney is prosecuting the case, which is assigned to Assistant District Attorney Martin Galvin under the direction of Chief of the Rackets Division, Thomas Leahy.

Criminal indictments are merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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