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DOI ARRESTS WOMAN FOR STEALING \$1,400 BAIL REFUND CHECK

– She played name games to cash check–

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation, announced today the arrest of ADRIAN SMITH for stealing and cashing a bail refund check worth \$1,455 from the Department of Finance (DOF). The bail refund check originally was made payable to “Adrienne Smith.”

Smith, 43, of Staten Island, will be charged with Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree. If convicted, she faces up to 7 years in prison.

DOI’s investigation began when DOF reported that Adrienne Smith claimed someone had forged her name in order to obtain a bail refund check. Bail refund checks are issued when Courts direct DOF to issue a refund for bail paid to release a defendant from jail. Courts and detention centers issue receipts as proof that bail has been paid. DOI investigators determined that ADRIAN SMITH had submitted a fraudulent Lost Bail Receipt Affidavit in order to obtain the bail refund check made payable to Adrienne Smith.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the DOF Commissioner Martha E. Stark and her staff, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI’s Assistant Commissioner Vincent E. Green, Deputy Inspector General Maureen Lewis, Acting Chief Investigator Belarminia Ortiz, and Confidential Investigator Theresa Siame.

The Office of the Manhattan District Attorney is prosecuting this matter.

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