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DOI STATEMENT ON QUEENS MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MORTGAGE FRAUD SCAM

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on today's sentencing of JOE D. GREEN, to 10 years in prison, for his role in a mortgage fraud scheme in which GREEN and two other defendants illegally obtained \$600,000 in mortgage funds. The scheme was uncovered as part of a multi-agency investigation by DOI, the Criminal Investigations Bureau of the New York State Banking Department, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the United States Secret Service, and the New York City Police Department ("NYPD"). GREEN was indicted in December 2009 and pleaded guilty in May 2010 to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud. U.S. District Judge John Gleeson imposed the sentence in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn. The office of Loretta E. Lynch, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This significant prison sentence underscores that mortgage fraud scams have serious and real consequences. In this case, the \$600,000 scheme was elaborate and deliberate. It included a fraudulent deed filed with the City Finance Department and fraudulent mortgage loan applications filed with a financial institution. But a tip to DOI, along with the expertise brought by the partnership among City, State, and Federal law enforcement, cracked this case and stopped the crimes."

According to court documents, the investigation began when a woman told DOI that a fraudulent deed filed with the City Department of Finance ("DOF") purported to have transferred her family's Brooklyn house from her deceased father to a man unknown to her family. The investigation found irregularities in that deed, including the incorrect spelling of the deceased father's name and a signature that did not match his known signature. The investigation determined that GREEN and his co-defendants used that Brooklyn property in their scheme to defraud a private financial institution by filing fraudulent mortgage loan applications and other false documents between March 2005 and June 2007 to illegally obtain approximately \$600,000 in mortgage loans.

GREEN was arrested with ONEIKA CARTHON and SAMANTHA GIRARD in September 2009. DOI's press release on those arrests can be found at the following link:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/doi/downloads/pdf/pr100mortgagefraud_092409.pdf

In February 2010, CARTHON pleaded guilty to making false statements on a mortgage loan application and GIRARD pleaded guilty to obstruction and impeding an official investigation. GIRARD, who was employed by the NYPD, resigned from the agency the same month she pleaded guilty.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Loretta E. Lynch, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York; Richard H. Neiman, Superintendent of Banks for New York State; Peter Zegarac, Inspector In Charge of the New York Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Brian G. Parr, Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service New York Field Office; David M. Frankel, DOF Commissioner; and Raymond W. Kelly, NYPD Commissioner, and their staffs, for the joint work on this case.

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DOI's investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of Inspector General for DOF.

Assistant United States Attorney Daniel D. Brownell from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York prosecuted the case.

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

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