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DOI ARRESTS FDNY DISPATCHER ON CHARGES OF SUBMITTING FRAUDULENT SICK NOTES

Rose Gill Hearn, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced today the arrest of MELVIN HILL, a Fire Alarm Dispatcher employed by the New York City Fire Department (“FDNY”), on charges of submitting five fraudulent Civilian Medical Documentation Forms (CMDFs) to the FDNY to excuse absences from work. As a result, DOI’s investigation found the FDNY paid HILL approximately \$1,440 in sick pay he was not entitled to receive. The office of Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan Jr. is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “Submitting fake medical notes to get paid for time off is not only a bad idea, it is a crime. With these charges, this individual has also put a good-paying, City job at risk.”

HILL, 37, of Elmont, N.Y., was charged with five counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a class D felony; and one count of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree and five counts each of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, which are class E felonies. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison and a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison.

HILL has been employed by the FDNY since November 2001, is currently assigned to the Staten Island Dispatch Center on Slosson Avenue and receives an annual salary of approximately \$50,120.

According to the criminal complaint, between October 2008 and June 2009, HILL submitted to the FDNY five CMDFs certifying that he was treated by a physician and received sick pay he was not entitled to receive. DOI’s investigation found that the physician did not treat HILL on the dates listed on the forms.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan Jr. and their staffs for their assistance and cooperation in this case.

This investigation was conducted by DOI’s Office of the Inspector General for FDNY.

A criminal complaint is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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