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**DOI ARRESTS DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEE FOR
ALLEGEDLY SUBMITTING PHONY DOCTORS' NOTES**

***-- DOI investigation found a total of 8 doctors' notes were submitted and the individual
received \$687 in sick time, which she was not entitled to--***

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of DIANE JONES for allegedly submitting eight forged doctors' notes to collect \$687 in sick pay for 14 days off from her job as a Secretary with the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS).

JONES, 54, of the Bronx, has been charged with eight counts each of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree and Forgery in the Second Degree, which are class D felonies. In addition, JONES was also charged with eight counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony, and one count of Petit Larceny, a class A misdemeanor. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison.

According to the criminal complaint, JONES falsely created six doctor's notes on letterhead from one doctor, forging the doctor's signature, and falsified two notes from another doctor, creating one note and altering the date on the second note. According to the criminal complaint, JONES did not receive medical treatment on the dates or at the entities indicated on the notes, yet the notes were submitted to DCAS. As result, JONES obtained sick leave – which she was not entitled to -- totaling \$687. JONES allegedly submitted eight forged doctors' notes between May 2005 and August 2006, according to the criminal complaint.

A DOI investigation found that JONES allegedly received 14 sick days off from her job and got paid for nearly 7 of those days, a total of \$687.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This is the second arrest in as many days, at two different City agencies, on allegations involving sick leave abuse. They each show DOI's commitment in pursuing these cases. Individuals who bilk the system designed to help those who are legitimately sick should know that submitting fake documents is a serious matter that can lead to arrest and possible jail time."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DCAS Commissioner Martha Hirst and members of her staff for their assistance and cooperation during the investigation. In addition, Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the members of the Detective Squad of the Office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau for their assistance.

The investigation was conducted by Associate Commissioner Robert Joyce and members of his staff, including Investigator Jacqueline Maquine. Assistant District Attorney Victoria Phillips from the Office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case, under the supervision of Bureau Chief Thomas Wornom of the Special Prosecution Bureau.

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

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