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**DOI ARRESTS INDIVIDUAL ON A CHARGE OF USING A FRAUDULENT PARKING PLACARD THAT INDICATED IT HAD BEEN ISSUED BY THE CITY DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of THOMAS GILSON on a charge that he posted a fraudulent City Department of Sanitation ("DSNY") parking placard in the windshield of his vehicle, which was parked on Park Place near his lower Manhattan work location.

GILSON, 50, of Bethpage, N.Y. was charged with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a class D felony. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Posting a fraudulent City-issued parking placard to get a parking space is illegal. This arrest should serve as a warning that this type of crime could result in criminal prosecution."

DOI began investigating after it was alerted by the Business Integrity Commission about a vehicle with a suspected fraudulent DSNY parking placard in the windshield. According to the criminal complaint, GILSON parked a vehicle with a purported DSNY parking placard that DOI's investigation found was fraudulent, in which the serial number on the placard was not a valid serial number for DSNY parking placards.

The investigation was conducted by Tim Crowe, DOI's Inspector General for the Department of Sanitation, Acting Deputy Inspector General Yves Desire, and Confidential Investigator Tam Van.

The office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case, which has been assigned to Assistant District Attorney George Bronner.

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

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