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**DOI ARRESTS BROOKLYN WOMAN ON CHARGES OF STEALING THE IDENTITY OF A CITY EMPLOYEE
AND TAKING APPROXIMATELY \$3,010 FROM THE EMPLOYEE**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of a Brooklyn woman on charges of stealing the identity of a City employee and taking approximately \$3,010 of money that belonged to that employee. DOI began investigating after it was notified by the City Office of Payroll Administration ("OPA") that a City employee had not received a City paycheck. The office of Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

KHADJA HAMPTON, 31, of Brooklyn, was charged late Wednesday, July 29, 2009, with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and Identity Theft in the First Degree, class D felonies; two counts each of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree and Identity Theft in the Second Degree, class E felonies; and two counts each of Falsifying Business Records in the Second Degree, Petit Larceny and Identity Theft in the Third Degree, class A misdemeanors. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison, a class E felony by up to four years in prison and a class A misdemeanor by up to a year's incarceration.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Stealing an individual's identity and their money is a crime that will end only one way, with arrest and prosecution. In this case, a City employee notified OPA of a problem with her paycheck and OPA rightly notified DOI. I encourage City employees to review their pay information and immediately report any discrepancies they notice."

HAMPTON has been employed as a Job Training Participant with the City Department of Parks and Recreation since May 2009 and has received income of approximately \$3,000.

According to the criminal complaint, HAMPTON had access to the personal information of a City employee because she helped the employee file taxes. Between March 2007 and May 2008, HAMPTON accessed credit card and bank accounts that were in the name of the City employee and obtained approximately \$3,010 of the City employee's money. DOI's investigation found that the City employee did not open the credit card account or authorize that her City paycheck should be directly deposited into it and that HAMPTON did not have permission to access the City employee's bank account. In addition, the investigation found that HAMPTON opened the credit card account and accessed it without the City employee's knowledge.

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Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and Joel Bondy, Executive Director of the City Office of Payroll Administration, and their staffs, for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI Confidential Investigator Lynn Lauzier, under the direction of Deputy Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo, Inspector General Faisal Khan, and Deputy Commissioner Vincent Green.

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

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