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**DOI ARRESTS INDIVIDUAL CHARGED WITH FALSIFYING INCOME TO OBTAIN  
HIGHER SECTION 8 SUBSIDIES THAN HIS ACTUAL INCOME WARRANTED**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest today of REINALDO TIRADO who was charged with falsifying his income to obtain higher Section 8 housing subsidies than his income warranted in a building regulated by the New York City Housing Development Corporation ("HDC")

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Every New Yorker wants decent affordable housing. But concealing income and falsifying records to have the taxpayers foot the bill is not the way to obtain it. When limited public housing subsidies are abused everyone suffers, particularly the families who need and qualify for the benefits."

TIRADO, 42, of Brooklyn, has been charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony; Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree and Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, class E felonies; and Petit Larceny and Falsifying Business Records in the Second Degree, class A misdemeanors. A conviction of a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison, a conviction of a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison and conviction of a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year's incarceration.

DOI's investigation was based on a referral from the management company for TIRADO'S Section 8 subsidized building in Brooklyn, which is regulated by HDC. According to the criminal complaint, TIRADO informed the management company that in 2006 and 2007 he earned \$200 a week. The Section 8 subsidies TIRADO received during those years was based on his reported income. DOI's investigation found that TIRADO's tax returns indicated his income was higher than what he reported and that he actually earned approximately \$384 a week in 2006 and approximately \$397 a week in 2007. Based on the misrepresentation of his income, he collected \$5,964 in Section 8 housing subsidies he was not entitled to receive.

The Section 8 Rental Assistance Program is a federal government program for helping low-income individuals to afford housing in the private market. A housing subsidy is paid each month directly to the landlord on behalf of the participating individual, and that individual pays the difference between the actual rent and the amount subsidized by the Section 8 program. The Section 8 subsidies are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanks HDC President Marc Jahr and his staff for their assistance in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by HDC Inspector General Joseph P. Piazza, Special Counsel Catherine Riccards and Chief Investigator Belarminia Ortiz.

The case is being prosecuted by the Office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes.

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

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