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**DOI STATEMENT ON FORMER TENANT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL**

Today, in Brooklyn Supreme Court, ERNEST GLASGOW, the former president of a Brooklyn tenants association was sentenced to one year in jail and ordered to pay nearly \$60,000 in restitution.

GLASGOW, 58, of Manhattan, the former President of 511 Van Siclen Tenants' Association (Association), was arrested by DOI in June 2006 for stealing more than \$67,000 from his tenant association's bank account by unlawfully cashing 119 checks and retaining the proceeds. GLASGOW pled guilty in September 2006 to Grand Larceny in the Third Degree.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "The proceeds of this defendant's felonious conduct is a residence behind bars, for one year. Today's sentencing sends a clear message to those who would consider engaging in similar fraudulent conduct: You will be investigated, prosecuted and sentenced to jail for your crimes."

The investigation revealed that, from February 2005 to May 2006, Mr. Glasgow was the president of the 511 Van Siclen Avenue Tenants' Association, a City-owned building in HPD's TIL program. Mr. Glasgow, over a nine-month period, from July 11, 2005, through April 17, 2006, illegally negotiated 119 Association checks, in amounts ranging from \$15 to \$990, and kept the proceeds, totaling \$67,541. Mr. Glasgow had removed the 119 checks from the Association's checkbook, made them payable to either himself or to cash, and negotiated them at various Chase bank branches or at a check cashing center, David's Money Centers of East New York, located several blocks from the Van Siclen Avenue address.

DOI's investigation began when the Department of Housing Preservation and Development's (HPD) Tenant Interim Lease (TIL) program reported funds missing from the Association's bank account. Under the TIL program, tenants pay their monthly rent to their Association, which deposits the money into its Association's bank account. The Association elects officers who manage the building and each TIL building is supervised by an HPD Building Coordinator. The Association's officers have the authority to use the bank account to write checks in order to pay for the building's maintenance and operating expenses.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for HPD, including First Deputy Inspector General Francis A. Sinatra, Deputy Inspector General Joan Russell-Benjamin, and Confidential Investigator Tom Yee, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Vincent E. Green. The Office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case. ADA Michael Ryan is assigned to the case.

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