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DOI ARRESTS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ON CHARGES OF ASSAULT AND STALKING

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI") announced the arrest of CURTIS JACKSON, an Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") employed by the New York City Fire Department ("FDNY") on charges of assaulting a supervisor with the FDNY Emergency Medical Services and harassing, stalking and menacing a paramedic between July and October 2008.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "The behavior described in these charges is not only unacceptable for an individual entrusted with saving lives but it is criminal. DOI worked swiftly with its City and law enforcement partners to ensure the individuals targeted in the incident were safe and the criminal conduct was met with serious and immediate consequences."

JACKSON, 37, of Brooklyn, was charged Wednesday, October 29, 2008, with Assault in the Third Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, and two counts of Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree, all class A misdemeanors. He was also charged with two counts of Stalking in the Fourth Degree and two counts of Menacing in the Third Degree, both class B misdemeanors, and three counts of Harassment in the Second Degree, which are violations. If convicted of the top charge, he faces up to one year in jail.

JACKSON has been employed as an EMT since 1999 and currently works at battalion 32 in Brooklyn, where he receives an annual salary of approximately \$41,160. He was suspended the day of the incident.

The criminal complaint alleges the following conduct: JACKSON appeared at the paramedic's residence at about 1 a.m. July 3, 2008, even though the paramedic told JACKSON not to show up, and broke a front door window. At about 11 p.m. August 26, 2008, JACKSON called the paramedic's cell phone and left a voicemail message, using profanity. At about 4 p.m. October 23, 2008, JACKSON approached the paramedic in the parking lot of battalion 38 located at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, yelled at the paramedic, using profanity, and waved his fist at the paramedic. An EMS supervisor intervened, struggled with JACKSON, received a sprained thumb and was treated at a hospital.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta for his and his staff's assistance and cooperation in this case.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's office of the Inspector General for FDNY. The office of Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

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