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**DOI STATEMENT ON LEIB AND MENASHE GLANZ PLEADING GUILTY IN \$222,985 HOUSING FRAUD**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), issued the following statement on LEIB and MENASHE GLANZ entering guilty pleas today to charges of illegally obtaining nearly \$223,000 in federal housing subsidies that were administered through the New York City Housing Authority (“NYCHA”) and the City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (“HPD”). This is the largest individual case of tenant fraud investigated by DOI.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “Tricking the government to steal public housing subsidies is a fruitless endeavor with a high price – arrest, prosecution, and conviction. These defendants enriched themselves by falsely obtaining more than \$200,000 in housing funds and are now convicted criminals. DOI worked hand-in-hand with the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York to ensure that this substantial fraud was uncovered and stopped.”

The following took place today in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York before Judge P. Kevin Castel:

MENASHE GLANZ, 50, pleaded guilty to a felony embezzlement charge, which carries a maximum punishment of up to 10 years in prison. As part of the plea agreement, he must pay \$186,501 in restitution. LEIB GLANZ, 54, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor false statement charge, which carries a maximum punishment of up to one year in prison. As part of the plea agreement, he must pay \$36,484 in restitution.

According to the investigation, misdemeanor information, and indictment, between 1996 and 2000, LEIB GLANZ on behalf of the landlord of the Section 8 property, United Talmudical Academy, filed false statements with NYCHA indicating his brother, MENASHE GLANZ, was the tenant of record living at 85 Ross St., Apartment 1, in Brooklyn and receiving Section 8 subsidies, when in fact, LEIB resided at the address. MENASHE GLANZ also falsely certified he lived in the subsidized apartment when, in fact, he resided elsewhere. As a result of these false statements, between 1996 and 2011, the defendants illegally obtained approximately \$222,985 in federal housing subsidies through NYCHA and HPD.

LEIB GLANZ was employed as a chaplain with the City Department of Correction from October 2000 to June 2009.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Preet Bharara, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, John B. Rhea, NYCHA Chairman, and Mathew M. Wambua, HPD Commissioner, and their staffs, for their cooperation and assistance in this investigation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Justin Anderson from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York prosecuted the case.

The above investigations were conducted by DOI’s Office of the Inspector General for NYCHA.

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