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**DOI INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF CITY EMPLOYEE ON
CHARGES OF STEALING WORK COMPUTER**

MARK G. PETERS, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), and New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., announced today the arrest of a former Computer System Manager with the City Department of Buildings ("DOB") who is charged with stealing a wireless controller, valued at \$10,000, from the computer control room at DOB's headquarters at 280 Broadway in Manhattan on October 17, 2014. DOI installed concealed cameras in the sixth-floor room, after DOB reported thefts of computer equipment from the room. These cameras captured the October 17, 2014 theft. DOI's investigation is ongoing. The office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., obtained the indictment that was unsealed today and is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "This defendant exploited his City access and poor security measures to steal City equipment, according to the indictment. DOI's investigation caught a crime in progress and assisted in tightening security protocols."

New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., said, "Instead of working for the benefit of the City, Kevin Bob is accused of working only for himself and stealing thousands of dollars' worth of electronic equipment from his former employer's headquarters in Manhattan. But thanks to DOI and DOB, the defendant was caught red-handed, and I thank all those involved for bringing this case to my Office and ensuring that those responsible for theft and burglary are held accountable."

KEVIN A. BOB, 46, of Jersey City, N.J., was charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and Burglary in the Third Degree, class D felonies. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison.

According to DOI's investigation and the charges outlined in the indictment, the defendant gained entry to DOB's computer control room on the sixth floor in the late evening of October 17, 2014 and took a DOB wireless controller. The defendant's actions were captured by a camera placed on the premises by DOI. The defendant indicated he returned the stolen equipment, leaving it in a public hallway in DOB's headquarters at 280 Broadway, but the item was not found or recovered.

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BOB was a DOB employee from 2006 and when he left in 2013 was receiving an annual salary of approximately \$87,060. That same year he became employed by the New York City Fire Department (“FDNY”), where he has currently been suspended from his position as Computer System Manager and receives an annual salary of approximately \$94,180.

DOI recommended that DOB strengthen its security measures in connection with its computer control room, including installing security cameras and security swipe cards to enter the room. DOB is moving forward on these recommendations.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information should call DOI at (212) 825-2413.

Commissioner Peters thanked the New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., DOB Commissioner Rick D. Chandler and DOB’s Office of Investigations, Audits & Discipline, and FDNY Commissioner Daniel A. Nigro for their assistance and cooperation in this investigation.

DOI’s Office of Inspector General for DOB conducted the investigation, specifically Special Investigators Robert Miller and Dan Taylor, Chief Investigator James McElligott and Deputy Inspector General Ed Zinser, under the supervision of Inspector General Gregory Cho and Senior Associate Commissioner Michael Carroll, with the assistance of DOI’s Squad of NYPD Detectives.

Assistant District Attorney Rachana Pathak from the office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., is prosecuting the case, under the supervision of Chief of the Rackets Bureau Jodie Kane and Deputy Chief of the Rackets Bureau Michael Ohm.

An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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