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**DOI-KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATION LEADS TO CONVICTION OF
FORMER ACS CHILD PROTECTIVE SPECIALIST FOR FABRICATING HOME VISIT AT TROUBLED HOME**

MARK G. PETERS, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), in partnership with Kings County District Attorney Kenneth Thompson, announced the arrest and conviction of a former Child Protective Specialist with the City Administration for Children's Services ("ACS") on a charge of falsifying a case entry indicating the Child Protective Specialist made a home visit in July 2013 when, in fact, the mother she was supposed to have seen was in the hospital at the time of the purported visit. ACS referred the matter to DOI after discovering discrepancies in the defendant's record-keeping.

MIMI ALLEN, 38, of Hempstead, N.Y., was arrested Tuesday, September 8, 2015, on charges of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony, and Falsifying Business Records in the Second Degree, a class A misdemeanor. Upon conviction, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison. The same day as her arrest, ALLEN pleaded guilty to Falsifying Business Records in the Second Degree and was sentenced to 20 hours of community service. Brooklyn Criminal Court Judge Rosemarie Montalbano presided over the guilty plea and sentencing.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "Child welfare workers who intentionally fabricate records to conceal their failure to comply with basic child protection regulations will be arrested and prosecuted. As this case demonstrates, DOI has zero tolerance for this type of breakdown, where City employees refuse to do their job and then falsify records to cover up their conduct. DOI will continue to work with the Kings County District Attorney and all our partners to protect New Yorkers from this kind of wrongdoing."

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth Thompson said, "Child care protections are in place for a reason. There is no excuse for failing to do your job when it involves the safety and well-being of helpless children. Falsifying records to cover-up wrongdoing will not be tolerated and now this defendant has paid a steep price, the loss of her job, because of her poor choices."

As a Child Protective Specialist, the defendant was responsible for investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect by conducting field visits; interviewing family members, school officials, neighbors and others to assess child safety and the risk to the children in a household; and entering and maintaining accurate and timely computerized records of the investigation, among other actions.

According to the criminal complaint and DOI's investigation, the defendant was assigned to an ACS field office in Brooklyn, when she received allegations that a mother left her four-year-old, developmentally-delayed child without supervision. The defendant documented that she visited the family at their home on July 17, 2013 at approximately 5:30 p.m., and spoke with the mother and child, including about prenatal care, since the mother was pregnant. However, the investigation found that at the time the

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defendant stated she was speaking with the mother and child, the mother was actually in the hospital because she was giving birth. The defendant closed the investigation as “unfounded” without the benefit of conducting a final interview of the mother or child in question or completing her investigation.

ALLEN was removed from her investigative caseload in July 2013, placed on administrative duties, and at the time of her resignation in August 2014 was receiving an annual salary of approximately \$51,064.

DOI Commissioner Peters thanked Kings County District Attorney Kenneth Thompson and ACS Commissioner Gladys Carrión, and their staffs, for their cooperation and assistance in this investigation.

This investigation was conducted by DOI’s Office of the Inspector General for ACS, specifically Assistant Inspector General Christos Hilas and Deputy Inspector General John Bellanie, under the supervision of Inspectors General Shelley Solomon and Milton Yu, Special Associate Commissioner Susan Lambiase, Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Investigations Michael Carroll, and First Deputy Commissioner Lesley Brovner.

Assistant District Attorney Hilda Mortensen from the office of the Kings County District Attorney prosecuted this case.

A criminal complaint is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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