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**COMMISSION ARRESTS DRIVER OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION  
DEBRIS HAULING COMPANY WITH ORGANIZED CRIME TIES**

Commissioner Michael J. Mansfield today announced the arrest of a driver working for Edcia Corp., a construction and demolition debris hauling company whose application for registration was denied by the Business Integrity Commission in October of 2006 because of the company's association with racketeers and known members of the Colombo organized crime family.

Commissioner Mansfield stated, "Unlicensed activity deprives legitimate businesses of much needed sources of revenue. The behavior in this case is particularly egregious as the company for which the defendant works was barred from operating a waste hauling company in the city of New York because it lacked good character, honesty and integrity. This arrest represents merely one step in the Commission's on-going investigation."

Commission investigators, working with the New York City Police Department's Organized Crime Investigation Division, observed Jesus Rodriguez removing construction and demolition debris from a construction site on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan in an unregistered truck. Further investigation revealed that Mr. Rodriguez was working for Edcia Corp., a hauling company that is not currently registered with the Commission and whose application for a registration was previously denied. The Commission arrested Mr. Rodriguez for operating an unlicensed trade waste removal business and seized the Edcia Corp. truck he was driving.

The investigation was conducted by Commission Investigators Dominick Albergo, Nelson Cortes and Edward Miranda and Supervising Investigator Gabriel Seda under the

supervision of Lieutenant Christopher Mahon and with the assistance of the New York City Police Department Organized Crime Investigation Division.

The case against Mr. Rodriguez is being prosecuted by the Office of the New York County District Attorney. The defendant is due to appear in court on February 11, 2010.

Arrest charges and criminal complaints are merely accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.