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**DOI STATEMENT ON PRISON SENTENCE OF BROTHER OF FORMER RIKERS CHAPLAIN
FOR HIS ROLE IN \$223,000 HOUSING THEFT**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on today's sentencing of MENASHE GLANZ, 51, to six months in prison for his role in a \$223,000 housing fraud scheme in which he applied for and obtained Section 8 housing benefits and then permitted his brother Leib Glanz to reside in the apartment. The federal housing subsidies were administered through the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") and the City Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD"). MENASHE GLANZ pleaded guilty in September 2012 to a felony theft charge and was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge P. Kevin Castel to six months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release in which the first six months must be served as home confinement, and \$186,501 in forfeiture which he has already paid. The office of Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, prosecuted the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This defendant's deception and theft of public funds cost him his freedom. Today's prison sentence sends a strong message that public housing benefits must be protected and preserved for eligible individuals. Those who steal these taxpayer funds will face serious consequences."

DOI's investigation revealed that MENASHE GLANZ falsely certified that he lived in a Section 8-subsidized apartment at 85 Ross St., Apartment 1, in Brooklyn, when, in fact, he resided elsewhere. Further, 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 in the apartment and receiving the Section 8 subsidies, when in fact, Leib resided at the address. 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, who was employed as a chaplain with the City Department of Correction from October 2000 to June 2009, pleaded guilty in September 2012 to a misdemeanor false statement charge, and is scheduled to be sentenced on February 28, 2013.

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

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Justin Anderson and Steve Lee from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York prosecuted the case.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of Inspector General for NYCHA.

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