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TWO CITY CORRECTION OFFICERS INDICTED IN ASSAULT-AND-FALSE REPORT SCHEME

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), issued the following statement on the arrests today of two City Correction Officers charged in connection with the assault of an inmate at the George R. Vierno Center on Rikers Island and filing false reports with the City Department of Correction ("DOC") regarding the incident. DOI investigated the case with DOC's Investigations Division and worked with the office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson, which obtained the indictment and is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "These defendants are charged in a disturbing inmate assault and cover up, betraying their integrity and the City's trust in them. Their conduct does not represent the many hard-working correction officers who safeguard New York City's jails every day. DOI will continue to work with the City Correction Department and the Bronx District Attorney to expose and stop correction officers who use their position corruptly."

VICTOR RODMAN, 49, of Bellport, N.Y. has been charged with Assault in the Second Degree, a class D felony; two counts each of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree and Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, class E felonies; and Assault in the Third Degree and three counts of Official Misconduct, class A misdemeanor.

MICHELLE HUBERT, 43, of New York, N.Y. is charged with three counts each of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, and Official Misconduct.

Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison, a class E felony by up to four years in prison, and a class A misdemeanor by up to a year's incarceration.

The investigation, as outlined in the indictment, found that in July 2009 RODMAN visited HUBERT in her assigned location, the housing area of the George R. Vierno Center, an area RODMAN was not authorized to visit. An inmate-oninmate fight occurred and RODMAN hit one of the inmates in the left side of his face, causing the inmate to suffer serious injuries, including a broken nose and permanent vision loss in his left eye. The investigation found that RODMAN submitted two falsified reports to DOC, at first denying he was in that area during the incident, and a second, amended report, acknowledging he was in the housing area, but denying he used force against the inmate. The investigation also determined that HUBERT filed incident and false allegation reports falsely stating RODMAN was not in the housing area during the incident.

RODMAN has been employed with DOC since May 1987, was assigned to the intake area at the George R. Vierno Center, and receives an annual base salary of approximately \$76,488. After the incident, RODMAN was transferred to the Special Operations Division on Rikers Island where he was prohibited from inmate contact. Upon arrest, he was suspended without pay.

HUBERT has been employed with the DOC since February 2006, is assigned to the housing area at the George R. Vierno Center, and receives an annual base salary of approximately \$76,488. Upon arrest, she was suspended without pay.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson and DOC Commissioner Dora B. Schriro and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the DOC and DOC's Investigations Division.

Assistant District Attorney Imran Ahmed of the Bronx County District Attorney's Rackets Bureau is assigned to the prosecution.

An indictment is an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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