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**DOI INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE AND
ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL ON CHARGES OF SELLING CITY BACKHOES ON CRAIGSLIST**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced today the arrest of a Caretaker with the New York City Housing Authority (“NYCHA”) and another individual on charges of acting in concert to sell two pieces of heavy equipment, valued in excess of \$20,000, from a NYCHA storage facility on Randall Avenue in the Bronx. DOI began investigating in June 2011 after it received a tip that a Craigslist ad featured a NYCHA Bobcat for sale. The office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “Advertising stolen City equipment on the Internet attracted interest, but not the kind these two defendants were counting on. Anyone, in particular a City employee, should know that stealing City property is a quick route to arrest and prosecution.”

JESUS LUCIANO, a 36-year-old NYCHA Caretaker, of Yonkers, N.Y., and ROBERT MOCCIA, 29, of the Bronx, were arrested today and each was charged with Acting in Concert in the following offenses: Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree, class D felonies; Petit Larceny, Official Misconduct, and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, class A misdemeanors. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison and a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year’s incarceration.

LUCIANO has been employed at NYCHA since March 2005 and currently receives an annual salary of approximately \$39,019. He was suspended upon arrest.

According to the criminal complaint, DOI’s investigation determined that MOCCIA placed several ads on Craigslist offering to sell two skid-steer loader Bobcats with backhoe attachments for approximately \$8,000 each, and that MOCCIA used his personal email and cell phone to communicate with potential buyers, including a DOI investigator posing as a potential buyer. The investigation also found that LUCIANO, a NYCHA employee, showed potential buyers the Bobcats at a NYCHA storage facility on Randall Avenue in the Bronx, indicating he was the owner of the equipment. The investigation found that MOCCIA met LUCIANO at a barbershop, LUCIANO indicated he had Bobcats to sell, and MOCCIA acted as a middleman. The defendants indicated one Bobcat was sold and they did not know what happened to the second Bobcat. Both Bobcats were taken sometime in June 2011.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson and NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for NYCHA, Acting Inspector General Kevin Smith, and members of his staff including Senior Deputy Inspector General Ralph Iannuzzi, Assistant Inspector General Suzanne Vitti, Assistant Inspector General John Reatz, Chief Investigator Stephen Mattei, Special Investigator Robert Diienno and Special Investigator Lou Vega.

Assistant District Attorney Alyssa Preston from the Bronx County District Attorney's Office is assigned to prosecute the case.

Criminal complaints are accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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