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**DOI ARRESTS A CITY CORRECTION OFFICER FOR ASSAULTING AN INMATE AND A
CITY CORRECTION CAPTAIN FOR FILING A FALSE BUSINESS RECORD REGARDING THE ASSAULT**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of veteran New York City Department of Correction (DOC) Officer JOSEPH COLLINS for allegedly assaulting an inmate without provocation, and Correction Captain ANASTASIA HENDERSON for allegedly filing a false business record regarding the assault.

COLLINS, 42, of Flatbush, Brooklyn, has been charged with Filing a False Business Record in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, Assault in the Third Degree and Official Misconduct, both Class A Misdemeanors, and Harassment in the Second Degree, a violation. If convicted he faces up to four years in prison. COLLINS has been a Correction Officer since 1985.

HENDERSON, 36, of Rockaway Beach, Queens, has been charged with Filing a False Business Record in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, and Official Misconduct, a Class A Misdemeanor. If convicted, she faces up to four years in prison. HENDERSON has been with the DOC since 1995.

DOI's investigation began after DOC informed DOI of several inmate allegations that they had been assaulted by DOC personnel who had responded to an incident on October 5, 2005 in which an inmate housed in the Anna M. Kross Center on Riker's Island allegedly slashed a Correction Officer in the face. DOI investigators recovered a videotape showing COLLINS assaulting an inmate, who had not been involved in the slashing and did not appear to provoke the assault, by punching the inmate in the face. Investigators also determined that HENDERSON witnessed the assault and was in close proximity to COLLINS when he assaulted the inmate. However, HENDERSON failed to include her observations in her DOC report describing the incident.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "The conduct charged here represents a breakdown in proper procedures and cannot be tolerated. The job of a Correction Officer is not easy or danger-free but that does not mean that order should not be maintained in tense situations. Correction Officers who assault inmates and supervisors who do not make honest and accurate representations of the incidents that occur under their command could endanger the safety of inmates as well as other DOC personnel. The conduct charged here does not represent the vast majority of hard-working DOC personnel."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Department of Correction Commissioner Martin Horn, and members of his staff, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted jointly by the Office of the Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson and DOI Assistant Commissioner Michael Caruso, and members of his staff including, First Deputy Inspector General Meera Joshi Cattafesta, Deputy Inspector General Julio Rodriguez, and Correction Officer Investigator Albert Jones. The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Singer under the supervision of Bureau Chief Thomas Leahy of the Bronx County District Attorney's Office.

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