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DOI ARRESTS CORRECTION OFFICER FOR FRAUD
- Submitted false Court Orders so he wouldn't have to pay child support -

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the felony arrest of Department of Corrections Officer Todd Jefferson for submitting fraudulent documents to stop paying child support.

Jefferson, 40, of the Bronx, has been a Corrections Officer since 1985. He will be charged with three counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the second degree, a Class D Felony, and three counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the first degree, a Class E Felony. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison.

DOI's investigation discovered that Jefferson had submitted fake Kings and Bronx County 'Court Orders' authorizing the New York City Office of Payroll Administration to stop garnishing Jefferson's paychecks for child support. Had this fraud gone undetected, three different women would have lost their child support from Jefferson.

"What a shame that someone has damaged their career because they couldn't or no longer wanted to pay child support," said Commissioner Gill Hearn. "People will be held responsible for their actions."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Executive Director of OPA, Richard Valcich, the New York City Department of Correction's Inspector General's Office for their cooperation in this investigation.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Assistant Commissioner and Inspector General for OPA, Vincent E. Green, Deputy Inspector General, Maureen Thomas-Lewis, Assistant Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo and Confidential Investigator Daniel Lau. NYPD Detectives, Richard Clarke and Levie Taylor, from DOI's Squad made the arrest.

The Office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case, which has been assigned to Assistant District Attorney Christine Rodriguez.

The charges are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless convicted.

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