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NYCHA EMPLOYEE ARRESTED FOR CASHING

COUNTERFEIT CHECK AT THE MUNICIPAL CREDIT UNION

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced today the arrest of MICHAEL NEWBOLD, a maintenance worker at NYCHA’s Johnson Houses in Manhattan, for cashing a counterfeit check from a chemical manufacturing company.

Newbold, 41, of Manhattan, has been an employee of NYCHA since February 1989. He has been charged with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree, class D Felonies. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 7 years.

According to Commissioner Gill Hearn, DOI began its investigation after the Municipal Credit Union (“MCU”) reported that three NYCHA employees (two of which were arrested for similar but unrelated crimes on March 11, 2003) had deposited counterfeit checks into their respective MCU accounts. A counterfeit check from a chemical manufacturing company that had been deposited into Newbold’s MCU account was worth \$8,124.20. The company, however, stated that the check, which had been made payable to Newbold, was not from its account. Investigators determined that after the check had been deposited into Newbold’s account, he withdrew a significant portion of the funds.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the Municipal Credit Union for its cooperation and assistance in the investigation. The investigation was conducted by DOI Assistant Commissioner and NYCHA Inspector General Steven A. Pasichow and members of his staff, including Assistant Inspector General Irene Serrapica and Confidential Investigator April Mastrangelo.

The Office of the Brooklyn District Attorney, Charles Hynes, is handling the case. Criminal complaints are merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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