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MAN TRIES TO USE FAKE ID AND LIES UNDER OATH

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the felony arrest of Jose Diaz for possessing fake identification and lying under oath.

Diaz, 49, of Manhattan, will be charged with Perjury in the Second degree and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument. If convicted, he faces up to four years in jail.

After getting complaints about a man who was posing as an attorney that could get parking summonses dismissed, DOI investigators posted earlier this week pictures of the suspect at the City's Business Centers where citizens pay for their parking fines. Complainants told DOI investigators that after they had given the suspect some of their money, he disappeared. Today, an employee of the Manhattan Business Center called DOI to report that the suspect was in the office. He was not posing as an attorney, but was trying to pay for six parking tickets worth more than \$300 during a hearing with an Administrative Law Judge.

A DOI undercover investigator watching the hearing witnessed Diaz, who was under oath, proffer documents identifying himself as Jose Rios from Hunter College. The identification was fraudulent and contained the Social Security number of a deceased person. Diaz also had other fraudulent identification in his possession.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Assistant Commissioner Vincent E. Green, Deputy Inspector General Alberta Ancrum and Special Investigators Michael Granatstein and Kourosch Aliah.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Martha E. Stark, Commissioner of New York City Department of Finance and members of her staff for their roles in assisting in this investigation.

The office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case.

Criminal complaints are merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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