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DOI ARRESTS BROOKLYN MAN IN \$42,000 THEFT FROM CITY
- Former Director of Youth Organization Charged with Stealing Program Funds -

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the felony arrest of Wayne Patterson, the former Executive Director of the Greater Flatbush Community Services Corporation, for stealing \$42,323 from the City.

Patterson, 37, of Brooklyn, has been charged with two counts of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, one count of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, four counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, one count of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, and one count of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison.

Commissioner Gill Hearn said that DOI began its investigation after receiving a complaint from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), alleging that Patterson had submitted suspicious claims for reimbursement, including for the purchase of computers that had not been included in Greater Flatbush's budget.

Greater Flatbush, a not-for-profit, community-based organization, previously contracted with DYCD to operate after-school and summer programs for youth in Brooklyn. According to Commissioner Gill Hearn, DOI's investigation revealed that, between June and December 1999, Patterson filed various false program expense claims with DYCD, including \$39,123 for Dell computers that Greater Flatbush never purchased, issued fraudulent checks in the names of former employees, created phony employment identification cards in those employees' names - displaying Patterson's photograph - and used the fake ID cards to cash more than \$3,000 worth of such fraudulent checks at several Brooklyn check-cashing establishments. Patterson was fired by Greater Flatbush in March 2000, and its contract with DYCD was terminated shortly thereafter, in June 2000.

Commissioner Gill Hearn said, "These charges portray a cynical scheme by an executive to loot his own program, to the detriment of the City and the young people he pretended to help. In this time of severe fiscal strain, DOI will relentlessly pursue and bring to justice those who would steal the City's increasingly scarce public resources."

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Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mulgrav and Assistant Commissioner Jerry Schiffman, and members of their staff for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Inspector General for DYCD Gerard Hoey, and members of his staff, including Deputy Inspector General W. Valentine Douglas, and Investigative Auditor Ashima Patel.

The office of Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case, which has been assigned to Assistant District Attorney Patrick F. Cappock.

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

Get the worms out of the Big Apple.

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