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DOI ARRESTS QUEENS ROOFER FOR "RIGGING" RIGGERS EXAM

EDWARD J. KURIANSKY, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the felony arrest of CONSTANTINE STAMOULIS, president of a Woodside, Queens, roofing company, for having someone else impersonate him at a City examination in order to obtain a Special Riggers license from the City Department of Buildings (DOB).

According to Commissioner Kuriansky, a Special Riggers license allows the holder to hoist or lower up to 1,200 pounds of material by rigging set up on the exterior of a building. License applicants must complete and file an examination application, detailing their qualifications and personal history, with the City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS). City procedures require that all eligible applicants be fingerprinted at the test site. Applicants who have passed the examination are thereafter required to submit to a second fingerprint screening by the DCAS Division of Personnel Services, Investigations Unit. Upon comparison of the two sets of fingerprints, successful candidates are notified by DCAS of their qualification to receive a license. DOB then schedules a license issuance appearance with applicants, at which time they are fingerprinted yet again.

DOI began an investigation last June, when DCAS reported that the fingerprints of an individual, who, claiming to be STAMOULIS, had taken the Special Riggers license examination on October 26, 1998, did not match the second set of fingerprints taken of STAMOULIS at DCAS-Investigations on February 10, 2000, prior to the issuance of his license. The investigation, which is continuing, disclosed that STAMOULIS had allegedly arranged to have the individual impersonate him at the DCAS examination.

STAMOULIS, 31, of 517 South 13th Street in New Hyde Park, New York, is the president of Nesa Roofing and Restoration, Inc., 55-18 39th Avenue in Woodside, Queens. He was charged with Forgery in the Second Degree, a Class D felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a Class E felony. If convicted, he faces up to 7 years in prison.

Commissioner Kuriansky expressed his sincere appreciation to DCAS Commissioner William J. Diamond and Acting Buildings Commissioner Satish Babbar, and members of their staffs, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation is being conducted by Dennis Curran and Robert Joyce, DOI Inspectors General of DOB and DCAS, respectively, and members of their staffs, including Confidential Investigators Roberto Cepeda and Yves Desire.

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The Manhattan District Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case. Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Berger of the Special Prosecutions Bureau is handling the matter.