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DOI ARRESTS CHAPLAIN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION ON CHARGES OF BRINGING CONTRABAND INTO THE MANHATTAN DETENTION COMPLEX

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced today the arrest of a Chaplain with the City Department of Correction (“DOC”) on charges of bringing in three straight razors and a pair of scissors into the Manhattan Detention Complex this morning. DOI began its investigation after it was immediately notified by the DOC that it discovered ZULQARNAIN ABDU-SHAHID in possession of contraband. The office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “This arrest demonstrates the serious consequences of bringing in contraband to the City’s correctional facilities. Thanks to the immediate action of a DOC officer this potentially dangerous situation was disarmed.”

SHAHID, 58, of Staten Island, has been charged with four counts of Promoting Prison Contraband in the First Degree, a class D felony, and four counts of Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree, a class A misdemeanor. A class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison and a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year’s incarceration.

SHAHID has been employed as a Chaplain with the DOC since February 2007 and receives an annual income of approximately \$49,471.

According to the criminal complaint, SHAHID was observed placing his bag on the X-ray machine at the entrance of the correctional facility; the X-ray machine alerted to the presence of metal inside the bag, and the bag contained three straight razors and one pair of metal scissors.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DOC Commissioner Dora B. Schriro and District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

This investigation was conducted by DOI’s Office of Inspector General for DOC.

The New York County District Attorney’s Office is prosecuting the case.

A criminal complaint is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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