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DOI ARRESTS STATE PAROLE OFFICER CHARGED WITH SECTION 8 FRAUD

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of a Parole Officer with the New York State Division of Parole on charges she failed to report to the City Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") income from several jobs and fraudulently obtained approximately \$24,469 in Section 8 benefits she was not entitled to receive. DOI's investigation began after it was notified by HPD that the defendant had not reported her income from the New York State Division of Parole. DOI was assisted by the office of New York State Inspector General Joseph Fisch. The office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "A law enforcement officer should well know that concealing income to obtain housing subsidies is a crime. This arrest and prosecution demonstrate the joint commitment of City and State law enforcement to deter fraud that drains away precious housing funds."

APRIL CAMPBELL, 37, of Manhattan, was charged with one count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony, and five counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison and a class E felony by up to four years in prison.

According to the criminal complaint, between 2002 and April 2009 Campbell lived in a HPD-sponsored Section 8-subsidized apartment in Manhattan. Her Section 8 benefits were determined, in part, by the household income she reported to HPD. The investigation found that between 2005 and April 2009, CAMPBELL, to avoid paying a portion of her own rent, failed to report that she was employed by Palladia Inc., a Bronx nonprofit, between 2004 and 2005, the New York State Office of Mental Health between 2005 and 2006, the City Department of Human Resources Administration ("HRA") in 2006 and the New York State Division of Parole, from 2007 to the present. As a result of failing to report this income, CAMPBELL fraudulently received approximately \$24,469 in Section 8 subsidies.

CAMPBELL has been employed at the New York State Division of Parole as a Parole Officer since September 2007 and receives an annual salary of approximately \$57,711.

DOI Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., New York State Inspector General Joseph Fisch and HPD Commissioner Rafael E. Cestero, and their staffs, for their assistance in this investigation.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of Inspector General for HPD, including Investigator Gabriel Mombrun under the supervision of Assistant Inspector General Ondie Frederick, Deputy Inspector General David Jordan, and HPD Inspector General Peter L. Zanolin.

Assistant District Attorney Joanne Siegmund of the New York County District Attorney's Office has been assigned to the prosecution.

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

DOI is one of the oldest law-enforcement agencies in the country. The agency investigates and refers for prosecution City employees and contractors engaged in corrupt or fraudulent activities or unethical conduct. Investigations may involve any agency, officer, elected official or employee of the City, as well as those who do business with or receive benefits from the City.

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