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FORMER BUILDINGS EMPLOYEE ARRESTED FOR LYING UNDER OATH

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner for the New York City Department of Investigation announced today the arrest of Mark Goldberg for testifying under oath that his doctor's note and insurance claims were not forgeries.

Goldberg, 30, of the Bronx, has been charged with Perjury in the First Degree. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in jail.

When he was employed as a clerk assigned to the Queens Record Room of the New York City Department of Buildings, Goldberg allegedly submitted a forged doctor's note to DOB so that he would be excused for missing a day of work on May 25, 2001. DOB sought Mr. Goldberg's dismissal for this infraction, as well as other violations of agency rules. The agency referred the case to the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH). Mr. Goldberg submitted a forged insurance claim letter during a pre-trial hearing so that he could support the veracity of the original doctor's note. At the hearing, Mr. Goldberg testified under oath that both the doctor's note and insurance claim were not forgeries. A DOB Office of Investigations and Discipline employee suspected Goldberg was not telling the truth and reported the matter to DOI. Investigators at DOI determined that Mr. Goldberg did not visit the doctor on the day he claimed he did. Goldberg was fired from DOB in April 2003. He had worked for the agency since October 1999.

"DOI must uphold the integrity of OATH proceedings," said DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn. "Perjury cannot be tolerated because it emboldens other wrongdoers, offers the possibility of reward without risk and erodes the confidence that honest employees have in their government."

Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn thanked FDNY DOB Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster, AIA and her staff for their assistance and cooperation in this investigation.

This case was investigated by Examining Attorney Joseph A. Reda and Confidential Investigator Diane Delaney of DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the New York City Buildings Department.

The Office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is handling the matter and Assistant District Attorney Kim Kinirons is prosecuting.

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