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**DOI ARRESTS WOULD-BE CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY MANAGER
FOR FALSIFYING SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE IN LICENSE APPLICATION**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest today of ARTHUR MCCORMACK on charges of using a forged letter to claim supervisory construction experience in a failed attempt to obtain a Site Safety Manager's License from the City Department of Buildings ("DOB").

MCCORMACK, 43, a Pennsylvania resident, was charged with Forgery in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, both class D felonies, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the Second Degree, a class A misdemeanor. If convicted of the top charge, he faces up to seven years in prison. The office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Falsifying one's credentials for a City license is a surefire way to forfeit a career in construction safety and land on the wrong side of the criminal justice system."

DOI's investigation revealed that before June 2008 MCCORMACK had applied to DOB for a Site Safety Manager's License and claimed that he had eight years' construction-supervision experience, including five years on "major buildings," as defined in the City's Construction Codes. MCCORMACK's application was initially denied because his experience could not be verified. Later, MCCORMACK applied for reconsideration and, in August 2008, submitted a notarized letter, purportedly from a Pennsylvania construction company owner, stating that MCCORMACK had handled a large construction project for the company. According to the criminal complaint, DOI's investigation revealed that the letter and the owner's purported signature were false, inauthentic, and unauthorized.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Inspector General for DOB, Michael Carroll, and members of his staff, including Investigator Anthony Nicholas.

The case is assigned to Assistant District Attorney Sally Pritchard of the New York County District Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DOB Commissioner Robert LiMandri for DOB's assistance in the case.

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

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