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**DOI ARRESTS BROOKLYN WOMAN ON CHARGES OF CASHING \$1,800 FORGED CHECK  
PURPORTEDLY ISSUED BY THE CITY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest today of a Brooklyn woman on charges of cashing a fraudulent \$1,800 check that was purportedly issued by the New York City Employees Retirement System ("NYCERS") at a Manhattan check cashing establishment in August 2009. DOI began its investigation after it was notified that a counterfeit NYCERS check had been cashed. The office of New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Using a City agency's name to concoct a phony check is a crime that will be uncovered and prosecuted. DOI will continue to ensure anyone perpetrating this kind of illegal conduct is held accountable."

JASMINE FLETCHER, 21, of Brooklyn, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree and Forgery in the Second Degree, class D felonies, and Grand Larceny in the Fourth 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, on August 4, 2009 at a Manhattan check cashing establishment, FLETCHER cashed a forged NYCERS check made payable to her in the amount of \$1,800. DOI's investigation determined that a genuine NYCERS check with the same number had previously been issued to another individual in the amount of \$10,000; that the defendant was not a NYCERS member; and that NYCERS did not issue a check to the defendant, nor did the defendant have permission to take any of the funds from the check.

The City has security features in place to identify and stop payment on counterfeit City checks and, as a result, the City did not lose any money due to this scheme. The check cashing establishment did suffer a loss.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked NYCERS Executive Director Diane D'Alessandro and New York County District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., and their staffs, for their assistance in the investigation. Commissioner Gill Hearn also thanked the check cashing establishment for its cooperation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for NYCERS, specifically Inspector General Faisal Khan, Deputy Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo, and Confidential Investigator Theresa Siame, under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Vincent E. Green.

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

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