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**DOI ARRESTS CONSTRUCTION WORKER ON CHARGE OF BRIBING CITY BUILDINGS INSPECTOR**  
**--DOI's investigation begins this week after DOB immediately reports bribe offer--**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest of a construction worker at a Brooklyn work site on a bribery charge after an Inspector with the New York City Department of Buildings ("DOB") notified DOI that he had been offered money to overlook potential violations. This is one of over 70 arrests since 2002 that DOI's Inspector General for DOB has made as a result of information obtained from a DOB employee. The office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

MARCOS A. NUNEZ, 50, of Queens, was arrested late Wednesday, October 28, 2009, and charged with Bribery in the Third Degree, a class D felony. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This arrest underscores DOI's efforts to publicize the important mandate that all City employees have an obligation to report corruption when they see it. DOI has presented more than 3,000 anti-corruption lectures since 2002 to drive home that deterrent message. This arrest is a tangible result of those efforts and an example of how corruption can be stemmed when we work together. I commend the Department of Buildings for promptly reporting this wrongdoing and allowing DOI investigators to stop the charged criminal conduct."

DOB Commissioner Robert D. LiMandri said, "For the second time this month, I would like to commend one of our inspectors for reporting a bribe to the Department of Investigation that led to an arrest. The honest work of these inspectors reflects the integrity of so many of our employees and the recent strides we have made to fight corruption. We have a duty to enforce the law and protect the public, and I am proud to say these inspectors fulfilled their duty to this Department, their co-workers and millions of New Yorkers. I would like to thank DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn and her staff for their immediate and decisive action, and I urge our employees to continue telling the contractors in this City that they can keep their money."

DOI's investigation began after a DOB Inspector reported a bribe offer by a construction worker at a residential job site in Brooklyn. The DOB Inspector refused the offer and immediately reported it to DOI, which initiated an undercover investigation. According to the criminal complaint, NUNEZ gave \$1,000 to an inspector during the covert operation to ignore potential violations at the work site.

NUNEZ was immediately arrested after offering the money.

To view the efforts of DOI's Office of Inspector General for DOB, please go to the following link: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/doi/pdf/pr108doiigo\\_101909.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doi/pdf/pr108doiigo_101909.pdf). DOI's arrest earlier this month of a business owner who was charged with bribery can be found at the following link: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/doi/pdf/pr105hedvat\\_1007009.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doi/pdf/pr105hedvat_1007009.pdf).

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and DOB Commissioner Robert D. LiMandri, and members of their staffs, for their assistance in this investigation.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Inspector General for the Department of Buildings.

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

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