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DOI ARRESTS CITY CORRECTION OFFICER CHARGED WITH FORGING MILITARY ORDERS TO STEAL PAID TIME OFF

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of TIMOTHY MCLILLY, a Correction Officer with the City Department of Correction ("DOC"), on charges of submitting eight fraudulent military leave documents to DOC that falsely reported that he had been ordered to military duty. As a result of the false statements, the Correction Officer obtained approximately \$13,668 from the City that he was not entitled to receive. DOI's investigation began after it was notified by DOC about irregularities in military leave documents submitted by MCLILLY. The office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Forging military orders to steal funds from the City is a criminal act that will only end in arrest and prosecution. It's particularly disturbing that a sworn law enforcement officer would repeatedly abuse a City policy intended to compensate our citizen soldiers for their service, as charged here."

MCLILLY, 42, of Queens, was charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and Forgery in the Second Degree, class D felonies; Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree and Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, class E felonies; and Petit Larceny, Forgery in the Third Degree and Falsifying Business Records in the Second Degree, class A misdemeanors. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison; a class E felony by up to four years in prison; and a class A misdemeanor by up to a year's incarceration.

MCLILLY has been employed with DOC since January 1988 and currently receives an annual salary of approximately \$73,546.

According to the criminal complaint, DOI's investigation found that between June 6, 1997 and January 30, 2001, MCLILLY was enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves; between February 2001 and July 2009, MCLILLY was enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserves; and from July 2009 to the present, he re-enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves. The defendant was authorized to be paid by DOC when he was ordered to military duty, up to 30 days annually. The investigation found that between January 2001 and March 2009, MCLILLY submitted eight documents indicating he had been ordered to military duty. DOI investigators found an array of falsifications on the submitted documents, including forged signatures; leave dates that occurred after the defendant had been discharged from service; and fabricated military orders. As a result of these falsifications, MCLILLY obtained approximately \$13,668 in pay from the City he was not entitled to receive.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DOC Commissioner Dora B. Schriro and Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson, and their staffs, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for DOC.

Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Brandler of the Rackets Bureau at the Bronx County District Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case.

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.