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### **DOI ARRESTS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ON CHARGES OF FALSIFYING TIME RECORDS AND STEALING PAY FROM THE CITY**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest of an Associate Retirement Benefits Examiner in the pension bureau of the New York City Fire Department ("FDNY") on charges of falsifying her timesheets between January and August 2009. The office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "City employees are expected to fill out their time records truthfully. A City employee who repeatedly and intentionally fabricates hours and collects unearned pay faces arrest and risks his or her City career."

JENNIFER RAMSAMMY, 29, of Queens, was arrested late Thursday, November 19, 2009, and has been charged with 19 counts each of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, class E felonies; and 19 counts of Falsifying Business Records in the Second Degree and two counts of Petit Larceny, class A misdemeanors. Upon conviction, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison and a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year's incarceration.

RAMSAMMY has been employed at the FDNY since April 2007 and with the City since September 2000. She is currently assigned to 9 Metrotech Center in Brooklyn and receives an annual salary of approximately \$49,756. She has been suspended without pay.

DOI began its investigation after it was notified by the FDNY of irregularities in RAMSAMMY'S timesheets.

According to the criminal complaint, DOI found that on 19 occasions between January 2009 and August 2009, RAMSAMMY submitted to her supervisor written requests to record the times she supposedly started work, which were later – in some instances by more than an hour - than the times she entered the building through security turnstiles where she swiped her identification card and had her fingerprint scanned. As a result of her false written submissions, RAMSAMMY was paid approximately \$428 for hours she did not work. The investigation found that RAMSAMMY submitted the false documents to avoid getting into trouble for being late.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for FDNY.

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

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