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PARKING VIOLATIONS SCOFFLAW SENTENCED TO JAIL

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today that FRANTZ SANTER, whom the agency arrested in May 2003, has begun serving a one-and-one-half year to three year sentence at Ulster County Correctional Facility.

MR. SANTER, 36, of Brooklyn, began serving his sentence on March 17, 2004. He pleaded guilty on February 11, 2004 to Tampering with Physical Evidence, a class E felony, and had been charged with knowingly offering false evidence – including altered copies of nine parking summonses – to trick Parking Violations Operations Administrative Law Judges into dismissing summonses and writing off the associated fines. During his allocution, MR. SANTER admitted he falsified an ALJ's opinion and forged that judge's signature on the decision.

Commissioner Gill Hearn said, "MR. SANTER failed at his deliberate scheme to pervert the legal process that enables people to challenge tickets they believe are wrong. DOI will continue to investigate this type of fraud and seek criminal prosecution of those responsible."

MR. SANTER was prosecuted by the office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau; Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Berger was in charge of the case. The investigation was conducted by DOI's Assistant Inspector General for the Bureau of City Marshals Percy Corcoran and Confidential Investigator Teresa Pinckney, as well as NYPD Detective Eddie Lebron, who is assigned to DOI. They were assisted by New York State DMV Investigator Tina Poetzsch and Special Agent Harry Maldonado of the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Social Security Administration.

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