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DOI ARRESTS FORMER CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY PRINT SHOP EMPLOYEE ON CHARGES OF STEALING APPROXIMATELY \$1,222 IN CUSTOMERS' PAYMENTS

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of LINDA ATKINSON-JAKES, a former Administrative Assistant in the Print Shop at the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA"), on charges that she pocketed approximately \$1,222 of customer payments between November 2006 and June 2008. The Office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case.

ATKINSON-JAKES, 34, is charged with Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a class E Felony. Upon conviction, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Every City employee knows better than to pocket money for doing his or her job. The complaint charges that this former employee did that repeatedly, and she now faces criminal prosecution."

ATKINSON-JAKES began working for NYCHA in 2000 and was receiving an annual salary of \$34,172 when she resigned in June 2008.

NYCHA's Print Shop, which is designed to handle NYCHA's printing needs, also offers printing services such as greeting cards and invitations to NYCHA employees and the general public for a fee. Jakes' responsibilities included processing customer orders.

DOI began investigating after it was notified by NYCHA about allegations of misconduct within the Print Shop.

According to the criminal complaint, DOI reviewed more than 30 invoices from NYCHA's Print Shop and found that between November 2006 and June 2008 JAKES stole approximately \$1,222 by directly collecting payments from customers instead of sending them as required to NYCHA's finance office, located in the same building, to render payment.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked NYCHA Chairman Ricardo Elías Morales and New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Inspector General for NYCHA, Robert J. McSweeney, and members of his staff, including Senior Deputy Inspector General Ralph Iannuzzi, Assistant Inspector General Suzanne Vitti, and Special Investigator Stephen Mattei.

The case has been assigned to Assistant District Attorney Victoria Phillips of the office of the New York County District Attorney.

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

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