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**DOI ARRESTS FORMER FDNY EMPLOYEE FOR FORGING FDNY DOCUMENTS**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of former New York City Fire Department employee JAMES QUIGG for allegedly forging two FDNY documents that indicated the FDNY would approve and state that his client's fire alarm adhered to City fire codes.

QUIGG, 45, who lives in Shirley, New York, will be charged with Forgery in the Second Degree, Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, and Tampering with Public Records in the First Degree. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in jail.

QUIGG was a FDNY Fire Alarm Inspector from January 1987 to August 1989. His duties including the inspection of City buildings to ensure that they adhered to the City's fire codes. Upon his resignation, he started his own company called JCQ Consulting that would help companies navigate the FDNY's Fire Alarm approval process. This could include filing paperwork or recommending necessary repairs so that a structure adhered to City fire codes. DOI's investigation began when one of QUIGG's clients told the FDNY they did not receive the final and necessary documents approving the client's fire alarm system. The client needed these final documents, called Fire Alarm Approval letters, in order to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from the City that would allow their tenants to move into a property at 70 Washington Street in Brooklyn that was had been converted from a warehouse. DOI investigators determined that QUIGG allegedly had forged two FDNY documents recommending that his client's alarm system be approved and presented them to his client, who, in turn, submitted them to the FDNY expecting a final approval. At DOI's request, the FDNY has re-inspected the client's property. The client passed inspection and received a proper letter of approval.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "As a former FDNY employee, this defendant knew well the importance of fire prevention and had vast knowledge of the City's fire codes. Even if there were no safety risks involved, allegedly forging documents professing to follow fire codes is no way to conduct business."

The Commissioner thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and his staff for their assistance and cooperation in this case.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's office of the Inspector General for FDNY. The matter will be prosecuted by the Office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau.

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