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DOI ARRESTS TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FOR ALLEGEDLY SUBMITTING FALSE DOCTORS' NOTES

--The notes cost DJJ more than \$3,500--

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of two employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice ("DJJ") -- a Juvenile Counselor and a Special Officer -- for allegedly submitting false doctors' notes to the DJJ.

MARION JAMISON, 41, of Brooklyn, and WAYNE OVERTON, 53, of Springfield Gardens, N.Y. were each charged with Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony; Falsifying Business Records in the Second Degree, a class A misdemeanor; Forgery in the Third Degree, a class A misdemeanor and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Third Degree, a class A misdemeanor. JAMISON, a Juvenile Counselor, faces 14 counts of each charge and OVERTON, a Special Officer, faces 10 counts of each charge. If convicted, JAMISON and OVERTON each face up to four years in prison.

Commissioner Gill Hearn said, "These City employees are accused of submitting false documents to line their own pockets. This case is disturbing because employees of the Department of Juvenile Justice are supposed to set an example and provide leadership and guidance to teenagers who have run afoul of the criminal justice system. By allegedly submitting false doctors' notes, these employees sent the wrong message to some of the City's most troubled teens."

DOI began its investigation after DJJ personnel reported receiving doctors' notes from DJJ staff that appeared to be forged. Investigators determined that the two employees charged had submitted multiple false doctors' notes in order to receive paid time off from DJJ. These individuals wrongfully received salary payments, a total cost to DJJ of more than \$3,500.

The DOI investigation found the following:

Marion Jamison, 41, of Brooklyn:

DOI found that Jamison submitted 14 fraudulent doctors' notes between October 27, 2003 through December 2, 2005, which covered 19 days of paid sick leave and about \$2,400.

Wayne Overton, 53, of Springfield Gardens, N.Y.:

DOI found that Overton submitted five fraudulent doctors' notes from March 23, 2006 and September 6, 2006, which covered seven days of paid sick leave. DOI found OVERTON also submitted an additional five fraudulent

notes between March 23, 2006 and October 18, 2006, which covered 12 days of paid sick leave. In all, OVERTON's sick leave cost DJJ more than \$1,500.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner Neil Hernandez and members of his staff for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by the Department Of Juvenile Justice Inspector General's Office.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Patrick Cappock from the Office of the Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

Criminal complaints are accusations. Defendants are 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.

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