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DOI ARRESTS HOUSING CARETAKER FOR CLEANING UP TAXPAYER DOLLARS
—Charged with stealing more than \$7,000—

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of a veteran employee of the New York City Housing Authority (“NYCHA”) has been arrested and charged with stealing \$7,540.

ERIC HUGHLEY, 40, of the Bronx, has been charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and 75 counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison.

Between January 2002 and March 2004, HUGHLEY, a Supervisor of Caretakers assigned to Rutgers Houses in Manhattan, submitted to NYCHA approximately 75 altered and inflated receipts for maintenance products he purchased and for which he was reimbursed a total of \$7,540. For example, in several instances, HUGHLEY purchased one industrial mop head for \$19.98 but submitted an altered receipt seeking reimbursement for the purchase of four mop heads. A numeral ‘1’ was added to the \$19.98 reimbursement request to make it appear that the total expenditure for the mop heads was \$119.98. Receipts and petty cash vouchers for paint, graffiti remover and door locks were also altered to increase the price anywhere from \$50 to \$100. If the receipts had not been inflated, HUGHLEY would have been reimbursed \$1,132.73 for his purchases.

Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “Mr. HUGHLEY faces serious charges for wrongfully lining his own pockets with taxpayers’ money. I would like to thank NYCHA for alerting DOI to Mr. HUGHLEY’s scheme.”

The investigation was conducted by DOI Assistant Commissioner and NYCHA Inspector General Steven A. Pasichow and members of his staff, including Deputy Inspector General Edward Glander and Special Investigator Michael Wilk.

The Office of Robert M. Morgenthau, District Attorney, New York County, is prosecuting the matter.

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