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**DOI ARRESTS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYEE
CHARGED WITH FALSIFYING INCOME VERIFICATION LETTER
TO DEFRAUD NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY ON RENT**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of DOREEN GREENWOOD, an employee of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"), on charges of falsifying a DPR letter to the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") and forging a coworker's signature on it in order to understate her income and obtain a NYCHA apartment at a lower rent than she should have paid.

GREENWOOD, 38, of Manhattan, was charged with Forgery in the Second Degree, a class D felony, Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony, and Petit Larceny, a class A misdemeanor. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison. GREENWOOD has been an Associate Urban Park Ranger at DPR for eight years and earns \$46,717 per year.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Falsifying a City document to obtain an unwarranted rent subsidy or any other benefit is a criminal act. Most City employees realize that such conduct is wrong and foolish and that the potential consequences include, among others, arrest and criminal prosecution."

According to the criminal complaint, on or about August 2, 2007, GREENWOOD submitted to NYCHA a letter, supposedly but not actually signed by a DPR "Verification Specialist," falsely stating that GREENWOOD earned approximately \$34,935 per year, when her actual income was \$46,717. GREENWOOD'S under-reporting of her income led to her paying \$25 per month less in rent than she should have paid for the next six months for a NYCHA apartment in upper Manhattan, the complaint charges.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DPR Commissioner Adrian Benepe and his staff for their assistance with the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Assistant District Attorney Douglas Kaufman from the Office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Chief of the Special Prosecutions Bureau Thomas Wornom.

Criminal complaints are merely accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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