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**DOI ARRESTS A DEP SUPERVISOR ON CHARGES OF FALSIFYING RECORDS
TO OBTAIN AN UNAUTHORIZED PAY INCREASE FOR A TEMPORARY WORKER**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest today of a City Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") supervisor on charges of falsifying records to obtain an unauthorized 33% raise for a temporary DEP clerical worker, employed through a temporary agency, whom he had previously named as his "emergency contact." DOI initiated an investigation after it was notified by DEP of irregularities regarding the temporary worker's pay increase. The office of Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This defendant risked his well-paid City position to engineer an unauthorized raise for an acquaintance, according to the charges. City employees should know that falsifying official documents will end in arrest and prosecution and jeopardize their City careers. Thankfully, DEP's prompt notification to DOI enabled a swift investigation that ensured no City funds were lost as a result of the charged conduct."

MIGUEL QUITO, 28, of Corona, N.Y., was charged today with Tampering with Public Records in the First Degree, a class D felony; Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a class E felony, and Official Misconduct, a class A misdemeanor. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison, and a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year's incarceration.

QUITO has been employed with DEP since November 1998 and is assigned to DEP's central office in Flushing, Queens, as a Principal Administrative Associate in the Division of Emergency Response and Technical Assessment with an annual salary of approximately \$56,911. He is expected to be suspended.

According to the criminal complaint, in March 2010 QUITO sent numerous emails to an employment services company that provides temporary workers to DEP, requesting a raise for a temporary office worker, increasing her hourly rate from \$15 to \$20. In addition, QUITO signed a "terms and condition" document from the employment services company falsely indicating that he was an authorized DEP representative. DOI's investigation found that QUITO was not authorized to make pay rate increase requests and that QUITO listed the temporary worker as an emergency contact on an internal DEP form. As a result of QUITO's requests, the employment services company increased the temporary worker's pay in two paychecks.

Because the above conduct was exposed by DOI's investigation, DEP did not distribute any funds related to a pay rate increase for this temporary clerical worker who was assigned to DEP's Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations in Queens.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn thanked DEP Commissioner Caswell F. Holloway and Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown and their staffs for their assistance with this investigation.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of Inspector General for DEP, specifically Inspector General Michael Carroll, Deputy Inspector General Michael Healy, and Investigator Zeola Fox.

A criminal complaint is an accusation. A defendant is 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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