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**MAN DOI ARRESTED IS SENTENCED TO 2½ TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CITY COUNTERFEIT CHECK SCHEME**  
**--Defendant linked to more than \$35,000 worth of bogus checks--**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today that DARREN PERRY (PERRY) was sentenced to a term of 2½ to 5 years in prison for his participation in a counterfeit check scheme that involved Perry depositing phony City payroll checks into several personal bank accounts and then withdrawing in excess of \$17,000. In April, PERRY, 40, of Manhattan, pleaded guilty to Grand Larceny in the Third Degree in New York County Supreme Court.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "DOI investigators put an end to the defendant's ill-conceived scheme, in which he used bogus City checks in an effort to obtain several thousand dollars. This conviction should warn others who become involved in this type of criminal conduct that, when uncovered, you will face serious consequences, including substantial prison time."

PERRY was arrested in November 2006 and later indicted on charges of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree and related offenses. DOI investigators determined he was involved in a scheme to steal money from the City by depositing counterfeit City payroll checks into several different bank accounts and then withdrawing the funds. DOI began its investigation after the City Office of Payroll Administration brought to DOI's attention concerns about several improper checks. DOI investigators were able to link Perry to \$39,374 worth of bogus checks.

Also arrested in the scheme and charged with possessing and depositing counterfeit City payroll checks was FRANZ ROBINSON, 43, of Manhattan. ROBINSON pleaded guilty on March 26, 2007 and is expected to receive a sentence of 1½ to 3 years in prison when he is sentenced June 11, 2007.

The City has security features in place to identify and stop payment on altered or counterfeit City checks, which ensures that the City does not suffer a loss due to this illegal conduct. The City did not, in fact, lose any money as a result of this scheme, although the banks in which PERRY withdrew money did suffer a loss. DOI found that PERRY received in excess of \$17,000 from the scheme.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the City Office of Payroll Administration's Executive Director Joel Bondy, and members of his staff, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation. Commissioner Gill Hearn also thanked the numerous banking institutions for their assistance and cooperation during this investigation and the Office of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau.

The investigation was conducted by Associate Commissioner Robert Joyce, Inspector General Gia L. Morris, First Assistant Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo, and Confidential Investigator Jennifer Adams.

Assistant District Attorney Noah Genel from the New York County District Attorney's Office was assigned to prosecute this case.

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

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