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**FORMER NYCHA TENANT IN QUEENS ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY FILING FALSE
DOCUMENTS AND DEFRAUDING NYCHA OF \$12,530**

*--Today's arrest is part of last week's larger sweep in which six Queens residents were charged
with defrauding NYCHA of an estimated \$150,000--*

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of RENETTE MOORE, a former tenant of the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA) Ravenswood Houses in the Astoria section of Queens, for failing to report to NYCHA that her husband resided with her and failing to report to NYCHA the income her husband earned. As a result, over nearly three years, she received a reduction in rent totaling \$12,530. Upon learning of the pending criminal charges against her, MOORE vacated her NYCHA apartment without leaving a forwarding address. Today, MOORE surrendered to authorities.

MOORE, 37, has been charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony; three counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony and three counts of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a class E felony. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This individual is accused of receiving thousands of dollars off her rent, a reduction she did not deserve. Last week, DOI arrested six others in similar offenses against the City's housing authority. Those who choose to participate in this type of criminal conduct should be aware they face possible prison time."

DOI investigators determined that MOORE's husband, a former New York City Correction's Officer from June 7, 2001 through July 1, 2003, and New York City Police Officer from July 1, 2003 through October 5, 2005, who earned up to \$49,808 annually, resided in MOORE's NYCHA apartment unbeknownst to NYCHA. On the yearly Affidavits of Income MOORE submitted to NYCHA between 2002 and 2005, she only listed herself and her two daughters as the occupants of the NYCHA apartment with a household income consisting solely of public assistance, until she reported employment income for herself in February 2005. MOORE paid \$137 a month in rent when she should have paid \$495 per month in rent for her four-room apartment.

MOORE is one of seven individuals arrested by DOI for allegedly defrauding NYCHA by concealing their household incomes in order to either receive reduced rent in a NYCHA development or to receive

Section 8 benefits for which they're not entitled. In all, NYCHA was defrauded of an estimated \$150,000. Some of the crimes allegedly committed by the other six individuals include: a Section 8 recipient who reported public assistance and/or food stamps as her sole source of income to gain acceptance into the Section 8 Program and as a result continued receiving rental subsidies for nearly two years, totaling \$19,405, even though she was gainfully employed and not entitled to those benefits and a New York City Department of Education ("DOE") employee who concealed her DOE employment as a School Lunch Helper.

Each of the following individuals were charged last week with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony; Offering False Instruments for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony; and Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a class E felony. If convicted they each face up to seven years in prison:

1. ANGELA PENNICOOKE, 50, a former Section 8 recipient, is accused of defrauding NYCHA of \$34,888.
2. KHADIJA AHMAD, 59, a resident in NYCHA's Pomonok Houses in Flushing Queens, allegedly defrauded NYCHA of \$30,869.
3. NIVEA CLOUD, 31, a Section 8 recipient in Queens Village, allegedly defrauded NYCHA of \$20,722.
4. WYASIA FULCHER, 31, a Section 8 recipient in the Jamaica section of Queens, allegedly defrauded NYCHA of \$19,405.
5. REGINA WISE, 43, a resident in NYCHA's Queensbridge North Houses in Long Island City, allegedly defrauded NYCHA of \$16,663.
6. GREGORY BRUNO, 49, a resident in NYCHA's Baisley Park Houses in Jamaica, Queens, allegedly defrauded NYCHA of \$15,157.

These investigations were conducted by NYCHA Inspector General Robert J. McSweeney and members of his staff, including Senior Deputy Inspectors General Kevin Smith and Irene Serrapica, Deputy Inspector General Bergia Telesford, First Assistant Inspector General James Hylton, Assistant Inspectors General Rosemary Caruso and April Mastrangelo, Chief Investigator Christopher France, Special Investigators Patricia Carvajal, and Virginia Arana, Confidential Investigators Lia J. Pasichow and Luciana Pace and Deputy Counsel Lauren Hintz.

The Office of Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown is prosecuting the cases. Assistant District Attorney Rosemary Buccheri, under the supervision of Gregory Pavlides of District Attorney Brown's Economic Crimes Bureau, is handling the prosecutions.

Criminal complaints are merely an accusation. 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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