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DOI ARRESTS FIREFIGHTER FOR FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTIONS FOR PAIN KILLERS

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the felony arrest of New York City Firefighter DANNY MCKENNA for forging at least 14 prescriptions for medical drugs.

MCKENNA, 29, of Brooklyn, will be charged with varying counts of Forgery in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second and Third Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth and Seventh Degrees. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in jail.

MCKENNA, who has been a firefighter for nearly three years, has been on light-duty and assigned to different administrative jobs at FDNY headquarters. MCKENNA allegedly altered a prescription form that had been written for him by an FDNY medical doctor so that could write prescriptions for himself and at least three others. According to the Complaint, between May 29, 2005 and June 28, 2005, MCKENNA allegedly tried to fill 14 prescriptions for pain medications such as Narco and Lidoderm patches at five different pharmacies in Brooklyn. MCKENNA purchased 460 pills of Narco. Pharmacists questioned the validity of the prescriptions and notified the Fire Department, which immediately reported the alleged misconduct to DOI.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This defendant has committed a serious offense and must face the consequences of his actions." She also thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and his staff for their assistance and cooperation in this case.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's office of the Inspector General for FDNY. The office of Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is handling the case. Deputy Bureau Chief Lawrence Oh and Assistant District Attorney Shannah Dalton will prosecute.

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