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PARAMEDIC ARRESTED FOR FORGED MEDICAL NOTES

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) announced today the felony arrest of Keisha Brockington, a Paramedic employed by the New York City Fire Department (FDNY), Emergency Medical Service (EMS), for submitting eight forged medical notes to the FDNY to excuse her absences from work.

Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "It should be obvious to every City employee that knowingly submitting a forged document, for any reason, to a City agency is a crime and unacceptable conduct."

Brockington, age 31, of Staten Island, an EMS employee since October 1999, who receives an annual salary of \$47,126, was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, 2nd Degree, Tampering with Public Records, 1st Degree, Official Misconduct, and other crimes. If convicted, Brockington faces up to seven years in prison.

During 2003 and 2005 at the EMS station on East 149th Street in the Bronx, Brockington gave her supervisor eight completed FDNY Civilian Medical Documentation Forms for days on which she claimed to have been unable to work because of illness. Portions of the forms supposedly were completed and signed by Brockington's doctors, verifying that Brockington was sick and had visited her doctors' office on six dates when she missed work. DOI's investigation revealed that Brockington was not at the doctors' office on those days and that the doctors' written diagnoses and signatures were forged.

Brockington's was the second arrest in the past week of an EMS employee for submitting forged medical notes. Last Friday, DOI announced that Emergency Medical Technician Robert Brown, 23, of New Windsor, NY, an EMS employee since January 2005, salary \$31,775, was arrested and charged with several misdemeanors for submitting two forged medical documentation forms to his supervisor in Manhattan. (Release # 43)

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and his staff for their assistance and cooperation in both cases.

This investigation was conducted by DOI's office of the Inspector General for FDNY. The office of the Bronx District Attorney Robert T. Johnson is prosecuting the case against Brockington.

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