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**DOI ARRESTS AN EMT ON CHARGES OF TAKING \$100 FROM A PATIENT IN AN INTEGRITY TEST**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced the arrest today of DANIEL BARRASSO, an Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") employed by the New York City Fire Department ("FDNY"), on charges of taking \$100 from a DOI undercover investigator posing as an injured patient during a DOI integrity test this morning in Brooklyn. The office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This EMT is charged with taking money from a person he was supposed to be helping. It goes without saying that such conduct is utterly contrary to what the City expects from its emergency medical personnel and to the professionalism and compassion of its many hardworking EMTs."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked FDNY Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta and Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and their staffs for their assistance and cooperation in this case.

BARRASSO, 31, of Brooklyn, has been charged with Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, a class D felony; Attempted Burglary in the Third Degree, a class E felony; Official Misconduct, a class A misdemeanor; and Attempted Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, Attempted Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree and Attempted Petit Larceny, class B misdemeanors. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison, a class E felony by up to four years in prison, a class A misdemeanor by up to a year's incarceration and a class B misdemeanor by up to three months in prison.

Today's integrity test, monitored and recorded by DOI investigators, revealed that BARRASSO, while responding to an emergency call in Brooklyn, removed a \$100 bill from an envelope belonging to the undercover investigator and while transporting that person to Coney Island Hospital in his assigned FDNY ambulance stopped and handed the money to an individual to whom he had just sent a text message. DOI investigators recovered the bill from that individual. BARRASSO was arrested at the hospital, and it is charged that he was in possession of 38 alleged Oxycontin pills in an unmarked prescription bottle. BARRASSO was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony, which upon conviction is punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

BARRASSO is assigned to EMS Battalion 43 at Coney Island Hospital, has been employed as an EMT since August 1999 and receives an annual salary of approximately \$41,162. As a result of today's arrest, he has been suspended and faces disciplinary action.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for FDNY.

A criminal complaint is an accusation, and a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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