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DOI ARRESTS CORRECTION OFFICER FOR FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING OVER \$3,000 IN PAID SICK LEAVE
-- allegedly submitted forged doctor's notes and sought NYCERS' disability pension --

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of New York City Correction Officer OLIVER HALL for submitting forged doctor's notes to the New York City Department of Correction (DOC) and the New York City Employees Retirement System (NYCERS) to obtain unwarranted paid sick leave and to attempt to obtain a disability pension based on false medical information.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "This defendant is the fifth Correction Officer DOI has arrested in the past six months for submitting forged doctors' notes. City employees should be aware that knowingly providing fake medical information to justify sick leave, a retirement application, or for any other reason is a crime. Any employee foolish enough to use a forged doctor's note risks not only the loss of his or her City job and benefits, but also arrest, prosecution, and possibly prison."

HALL, 38, of Brooklyn, a Correction Officer for seven years, with an annual salary of \$63,309, has been charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a Class E Felony. If convicted, he faces up to seven years imprisonment.

HALL was on unpaid medical leave between July 8, 2003 and February 20, 2005. During that period, he submitted several applications for permanent medical disability to NYCERS, claiming a knee injury. HALL, it is charged, gave NYCERS two forged doctor's letters, dated December 1, 2003 and February 27, 2004, and falsely claimed that the same doctor had diagnosed and performed surgery on the purportedly-injured knee. Moreover, HALL later gave DOC two forged doctor's notes to justify his absence from work between October 17 and November 10, 2005, and as a result, received in excess of \$3,000 in sick pay to which he was not entitled, according to the complaint.

DOI thanked DOC Commissioner Martin Horn, members of his staff, NYCERS Executive Director Diane D'Alessandro, members of her staff, and DCAS Commissioner Martha K. Hirst, and members of her staff, for their cooperation with the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI Assistant Commissioner Robert Joyce and members of his staff, including Analyst John F. Manning, and DOI Inspector General for DOC Timothy Crowe and members of his staff, including First Deputy Inspector General Meera Joshi Cattafesta and Captain Vincent Valerio.

The Office of Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown is prosecuting the case, which is assigned to Assistant District Attorney Daniel J. O'Leary, under the direction of Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau James Leander.

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