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FLORIDA RESIDENT ALLEGEDLY STEALS TWO BROOKLYN PROPERTIES

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of TROY SNEED for allegedly filing fraudulent deeds with the Department of Finance for two homes located at 522 Bainbridge Street and 320 Jefferson Avenue, both in Brooklyn and had a combined worth of more than \$900,000.

Sneed, 41, a former Brooklyn resident who now lives in Clearwater, Florida, will be charged with Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison.

Sneed allegedly filed documents with the New York State Department of State to incorporate a business using the name Alfred Lewis Enterprises, Inc., and registered himself as president. This business, Alfred Lewis Enterprises, Inc., was once registered to a man named Alfred Lewis but the Department of State had dissolved the corporation due to a tax lien. In February 2004, Sneed, signing as the president of the newly re-created Alfred Lewis Enterprises, created false deeds and signed the two properties over to a Brooklyn resident for a nominal amount, despite the fact that the Jefferson Ave. building was worth \$515,100 and the Bainbridge Street building was worth \$465,100. DOI's investigation began after the real Alfred Lewis discovered through DOF that his outstanding taxes had been paid and that Sneed had transferred the titles. DOI's investigation is ongoing.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the Department of Finance Commissioner Martha E. Stark and her staff for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Assistant Commissioner Vincent E. Green, Deputy Inspector General Maureen Lewis, and Acting Chief Investigator Belarminia Ortiz, and Investigative Auditor Phillip Litrean..

The Office of Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is handling the case. Assistant District Attorney Richard Farrell of the Rackets Bureau will prosecute.

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

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