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**DOI ARRESTS DIRECTOR OF CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY CENTER  
ON CHARGES OF STEALING NEARLY \$5,000 FROM THE BROOKLYN CENTER**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced the arrest of a New York City Housing Authority (“NYCHA”) Community Center Director on charges of defrauding the City Housing Authority by pocketing \$4,775 in fees paid by tenants and others for room rentals and a summer camp program at NYCHA’s Hope Gardens Community Center (“HGCC”) located on Central Avenue in Brooklyn. The tenants and other individuals received the services they paid for, but NYCHA never received their payments. DOI began its investigation after being notified by NYCHA of allegations that HAINES allowed an unauthorized rental at HGCC. The office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.

ANITA HAINES, 52, of Brooklyn, N.Y. was arrested late Thursday, September 2, 2010, and was charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree, class D felonies; Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree and Defrauding the Government, class E felonies; and Petit Larceny, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree and Official Misconduct, class A 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, and a class A misdemeanor by up to a year’s incarceration.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, “This defendant was paid to manage a City-run community center, but instead, she traded her integrity for easy cash, abused her position, and pocketed several thousand dollars of public funds, according to the criminal complaint. Her arrest shows that criminal prosecution awaits any individual who exploits his or her City job to steal.”

HAINES has been employed by NYCHA since June 1986, and receives an annual salary of approximately \$53,460. Haines faces disciplinary action.

According to the criminal complaint, HAINES’s job at HGCC included renting out the community center and managing a summer camp and collecting fees for both on behalf of NYCHA. DOI’s investigation determined that between January 2008 and April 2010, 12 individuals paid HAINES money to rent the community center or to attend summer camp and the defendant did not report any of those rental or summer camp payments to NYCHA or forward any of those payments to NYCHA. The investigation found that as a result of those actions, NYCHA lost those funds, and HAINES did not have permission or authority to take those funds.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI’s Inspector General for NYCHA Kelvin Jeremiah and members of his staff, including Senior Deputy Inspector General Ralph Iannuzzi, Assistant Inspector General Suzanne Vitti, and Chief Investigators John Reatz and Stephen Mattei.

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