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DOI ARRESTS SANITATION WORKER FOR GAMBLING ON THE JOB

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of New York City Department of Sanitation ("DOS") employee JOSEPH CARANNANTE for allegedly taking sports bets while working.

CARANNANTE, 44, of Staten Island, will be charged with three counts of Promoting Gambling in the Second Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and two count of Official Misconduct, also a Class A Misdemeanor. If convicted, he faces up to one year in prison on each count. He has been employed as a Sanitation Worker since 1990 and is currently assigned to a garage in Rosebank, Staten Island.

After receiving a complaint that CARANNANTE was operating as a bookie and taking sports bets on the job, DOI sent an undercover officer to CARANNANTE's worksite where the undercover placed three bets with CARANNANTE on two separate dates in March through April of 2004. The undercover spoke with CARANNANTE several times and gave him money while CARANNANTE was sitting in a DOS truck. According to DOS Code of Conduct, "Employees shall not gamble on Department premises or property."

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Inspector General for DOS Julia Davis, and members of her staff, including Deputy Inspector General Frank Floridaia, Examining Attorney Lisa Lee, and Confidential Investigator Kevin Grimes.

The Office of the District Attorney for Richmond County is handling the case. Assistant District Attorney Rick Pasacretta will prosecute.

Criminal complaints are merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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