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**DOI ARRESTS FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE ON CHARGES OF SUBMITTING FAKE MEDICAL NOTES**

*--Since June 2008, DOI has arrested six City employees on similar charges--*

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of GENEVA FAGUNDO, a former Clerical Associate with the New York City Department of Finance ("DOF"), on charges that she submitted two fraudulent medical notes to DOF to excuse eight absences from work. As a result, the City paid her \$1,020 in sick leave she was not entitled to receive.

FAGUNDO, 30, of the Bronx, has been charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a class D felony, and one count of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony. Conviction of a class D felony carries a penalty of up to seven years in prison. Conviction of a class E felony carries a penalty of up to four years in prison.

DOI Commissioner Gill Hearn said, "City employees who submit fake medical notes to collect sick pay should know they will be caught and face criminal prosecution. In fact, during the past two months, DOI has arrested six City employees for similar conduct and we will continue to be vigilant on this issue. I thank the Finance Department for alerting DOI about the matter and helping stop the abuse charged in the complaint."

According to the criminal complaint, FAGUNDO submitted two doctor's notes for eight days of sick leave in February 2008 and as a result received approximately \$1,020 in sick leave. DOI's investigation found that the doctor's notes were forged.

FAGUNDO had been employed at DOF since 2001 and was receiving an annual salary of approximately \$33,251 when she was dismissed in March 2008. DOF referred the matter to DOI following FAGUNDO's dismissal.

FAGUNDO is the sixth City employee DOI has arrested since June 2008 on charges of submitting false documents to the City to obtain benefits they were not entitled to collect. Those investigations began after DOI was alerted by the individual agencies. The press releases on those arrests can be found at the following links: [www.nyc.gov/html/doi/pdf/pr67russell\\_notes\\_71708.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doi/pdf/pr67russell_notes_71708.pdf) and [www.nyc.gov/html/doi/pdf/pr68dimino\\_72108.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doi/pdf/pr68dimino_72108.pdf).

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked DOF Commissioner Martha Stark and members of her staff for their assistance and cooperation in this investigation, which was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for DOF.

The office of the New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau is prosecuting the case, which has been assigned to Assistant District Attorney Emily Orfinger.

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

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