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DOI ARRESTS SANITATION WORKER FOR SUBMITTING A FORGED RECEIPT

-- Claimed his car broke down and submitted a forged receipt to DOS --

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced the arrest yesterday of Robert G. MONTEMARANO for allegedly submitting a forged towing receipt to the Department of Sanitation (DOS) in order to obtain leave time.

MONTEMARANO, 32, of Brooklyn, has been charged with Forgery in the Second and Third Degrees, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, and Official Misconduct. MONTEMARANO was also charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree. Upon his arrest, he was found to have a quantity of alleged cocaine in his bag. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in prison.

MONTEMARANO has been a Sanitation Worker from August 2001 to May 2003, and was reinstated on December 8, 2003. He is currently assigned to a garage in New Utrecht, Brooklyn.

DOI began its investigation after a DOS employee forwarded a leave slip and a written service invoice from "GB 500 Parts & Service" that had been submitted by MONTEMARANO to obtain permission for leave time. In these documents, MONTEMARANO claimed that his vehicle had been towed and serviced. DOI investigators determined that the company had not issued the documents and does not provide towing or repair services.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the Department of Sanitation for its assistance and cooperation during the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by Julia Davis, DOI's Inspector General for the Department of Sanitation, and Special Investigator Marcia Korb. The Office of the District Attorney for Kings County is handling the case. Assistant District Attorney Amber Hunsinger will prosecute under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Anne Seely.

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