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**DOI ARRESTS CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STOCK WORKER ON CHARGES
OF STEALING NINE TONER CARTRIDGES FROM HIS JOB**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of a 41-year-old stock worker with the City Department of Transportation ("DOT") on charges he stole nine toner cartridges with a value of at least \$1,800 from a storage facility at St. George Ferry Terminal in Staten Island. DOI began its investigation after it was notified by DOT about allegations involving possible thefts from the stock room at the St. George Ferry Terminal. The office of Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr., is prosecuting the case.

MICHAEL KIRSCHBAUM, of Staten Island, was charged late Monday, November 8, 2010, with Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, class E felonies, and Petit Larceny and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, class A misdemeanors. Upon conviction, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison and a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year's incarceration.

According to the criminal complaint, DOI's investigation found that on Monday, November 8, 2010, the defendant was in possession of two cardboard boxes containing nine toner cartridges that belonged to DOT. Sender labels on the boxes had the defendant's name on them. The defendant did not have permission or authority to take or remove the cartridges. The nine toner cartridges have a value of at least \$1,800.

The investigation is ongoing.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr., and DOT Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

DOI's Office of Inspector General for DOT conducted the investigation.

Assistant District Attorney Kirsten Mitchell from the Richmond County District Attorney's Office has been assigned to the prosecution of the case.

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

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