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DOI ARRESTS ATTORNEY FOR ALLEGEDLY FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced today the arrest of DAVID M. CHIN, an attorney working in the Office of Child Support Enforcement at the New York City Human Resources Administration, for falsifying sworn and notarized Occupant Affidavits of Family Income, papers that are used to verify his eligibility to live in Mitchell-Lama housing.

CHIN, 52 of Brooklyn, has been charged with five counts of Falsifying Business Records, a class “E” felony. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in jail.

DOI’s investigation began after an attorney representing a Mitchell-Lama cooperative development called Village View Housing Corp., reported that CHIN claimed to be the shareholder of record for a Mitchell-Lama apartment in the East Village, and had sublet the apartment. State laws governing Mitchell-Lama apartments mandate that shareholders/owners be the primary resident of Mitchell-Lama apartments. Mitchell-Lama housing was created in 1955 provides affordable rentals and cooperative housing for moderate and middle-income families.

DOI investigators discovered that for five years, from 1999 to 2004, Chin allegedly falsified five annual occupant affidavits that he had filed with Village View Housing. Chin swore on the affidavits that he was the owner and primary occupant of the Village View apartment.

This investigation was conducted by DOI Deputy Commissioner Vincent E. Green, and members of his staff, including First Deputy Inspector General Francis A. Sinatra, and Investigator Ghenaida Slack. This matter is being prosecuted by the Office of the New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau. Assistant District Attorney Pamela Dickson of the Special Prosecutions Bureau is assigned to the case.

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