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DOI ARRESTS STATEN ISLAND LANDLORD CHARGED WITH CONCEALING PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND RENTAL INCOME WHILE RESIDING IN PUBLIC HOUSING

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of a City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") resident on charges of failing to report that she owned residential property for which she collected rental income. The Office of Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan Jr. is prosecuting the case.

GLYCIS SHUFORD, 61, of Staten Island, has been charged with Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony. Upon conviction, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Not only did this tenant conceal income, she never told her landlord, the City Housing Authority, that she herself was a landlord and was receiving rent from her own tenant, according to the criminal complaint. With so many New Yorkers legitimately needing low-income housing, the City cannot subsidize fraudsters who hide their assets and income."

According to the criminal complaint, between February 2005 and February 2009 while SHUFORD was residing in an apartment in NYCHA's Mariner's Harbor development in Staten Island, she was receiving monthly rent of between \$900 and \$1,050 from a tenant who was residing in a house at 15 Young Street, Staten Island, which SHUFORD purchased in January 2004 for approximately \$277,000. DOI's investigation found that SHUFORD thereafter concealed her home ownership, and her collection of rental income, on affidavits that she filed each year with NYCHA.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea and Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan Jr. and their staffs for their assistance in this investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of Inspector General for NYCHA, including Acting Inspector General for NYCHA Kelvin Jeremiah, Senior Deputy Inspector General Ralph Iannuzzi, Assistant Inspector General Suzanne Vitti, Special Investigator Stephen Mattei, and Confidential Investigator Samuel J. Polland.

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

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