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DOI ARRESTS QUEENS BUSINESS OWNER AND COMPANY OFFICIAL FOR FALSE FILINGS
-- They allegedly colluded with each other while bidding on surplus City property for sale at auction --

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of vendors ALAN J. RISI and JOANNE RUSCILLO for allegedly submitting bid documents that contained false statements to the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS).

RISI and RUSCILLO have both been charged with one count of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a Class E Felony. If convicted, both face up to four years imprisonment.

RISI, 57, of Queens, is the Chief Executive Officer of Georal International, Ltd. of Whitestone, New York. RUSCILLO, 47, of Queens, is the Director of Integrated Security Corp. which is located at the same address in Whitestone, New York as Georal International, Ltd.

On March 23, 2006, the City offered for sale 19 surplus security entrance door systems that were originally manufactured by Georal International, Ltd. and sold in 2001 to the New York City Department of Correction and Police Department. Bidders were required to affirm on a Terms and Conditions of Sale form that there was no agreement or connection with any other bidder. Both RISI, on behalf of Georal International, Ltd., and RUSCILLO, on behalf of Integrated Security, Corp., allegedly affirmed falsely that this was true.

When the City sells property, bidders must submit a 10-percent deposit along with the bid. DOI's investigation into this auction began when DCAS reported that two different bids were from companies bearing the same address. DOI investigators determined that RUSCILLO's 10 percent was funded by RISI even though both signed documents affirming there was no agreement or connection with another bidder. According to the investigation, RUSCILLO used four money orders worth a total of \$3,500 for the required deposit of 10 percent of her bid, which was highest bid amount at \$35,000, on behalf of Integrated Security, Corp. Investigators determined that RUSCILLO used a Georal check, signed by RISI, when purchasing the four money orders on March 22, 2006 at a Queens check-cashing store. Hours later, RUSCILLO deposited the money orders with DCAS with her bid. RISI also submitted a bid for the doors. Investigators also determined that RISI is the sole signatory of checking accounts used by both Georal International, Ltd., of which he is CEO, and Integrated Security, Corp., where RUSCILLO works. RUSCILLO's bid was not accepted. The City is now exploring various options for disposing of the doors.

In June 2004, DOI arrested RISI for submitting falsified invoices to the City for door repair services. RISI pled guilty in October 2004 to Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, and was ordered to pay the City \$50,000 in restitution.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "As the charges indicate, these defendants attempted to corrupt the City's auctioning process and, in doing so, forced the City to cancel the auction which would have generated revenue for the City. One of these defendants has learned once again that DOI will investigate and refer for prosecution scams against the City."

DOI thanked DCAS Commissioner Martha K. Hirst, and members of her staff, for their cooperation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI Assistant Commissioner Robert Joyce, and members of his staff including Analyst John F. Manning. The case is being prosecuted by the Office of the New York County District Attorney, Assistant District Attorney Hope Korenstein, under the direction of Deputy Bureau Chief of the Special Prosecutions Bureau, Thomas Wornom.

Criminal complaints are merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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