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**DOI ARRESTS CITY CORRECTION OFFICER ON SEXUAL ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT CHARGES**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of a New York City Correction Officer on allegations of having sexual contact with a male inmate in the Rikers Island facility where the Correction Officer was assigned. DOI's investigation began after it received a report that the defendant had sexual contact with a male inmate. The office of Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson is prosecuting the case.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "City Correction Officers should know that inappropriate contact with an inmate jeopardizes their career, and exposes them to arrest and prosecution."

ANDREA BUCHANAN, 30, of Queens, was charged with Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree, a class E felony; Sexual Misconduct, Forcible Touching, and Official Misconduct, class A misdemeanors; and Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, a class B misdemeanor. Upon conviction, a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison, a class A misdemeanor by up to a year's incarceration, and a class B misdemeanor by up to three months' incarceration.

BUCHANAN began employment at DOC in November 2005, was assigned to the Eric M. Taylor Center ("EMTC") as a Correction Officer, and received an annual salary of approximately \$76,488. BUCHANAN is suspended.

According to the criminal complaint, in August 2011, the defendant was assigned to the EMTC on Rikers Island and had sexual contact with an inmate.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Bronx County District Attorney Robert T. Johnson and DOC Commissioner Dora B. Schriro, and members of their staffs, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of Inspector General for DOC.

Assistant District Attorney Adrienne Giunta of the Bronx County District Attorney's Sex Crimes Bureau is assigned to the prosecution of this case.

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

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