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NYCHA WASTE MANAGEMENT SUPERINTENDENT CHARGED WITH TIME THEFT AFTER ALLEGEDLY GOING HOME WHEN SHE SHOULD HAVE BEEN WORKING AT A NYCHA FACILITY

Nadia I. Shihata, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI") announced the arrest on Saturday, August 1, 2026, of a Waste Management Superintendent for the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") on charges of allegedly stealing time from the City valued at a total of \$4,380 between April and July 2026. DOI received an anonymous complaint, which prompted this investigation. The Office of Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez is prosecuting the case.

MYOSHA S. WATSON, 45, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested on Saturday, August 1, 2026, after clocking in to Glenwood Houses in Brooklyn, and charged on Sunday, August 2, 2026, with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony; Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony; and Petit Larceny, a class A misdemeanor. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in jail; a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in jail; and a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year's incarceration. WATSON was arraigned early Sunday, August 2, 2026, and released on her own recognizance. She is scheduled to return to Brooklyn Criminal Court on November 12, 2026.

DOI Commissioner Nadia I. Shihata said, "This defendant allegedly treated her weekend supervisory shifts as a no-show job -- failing to report to her assigned worksite in Long Island City, and clocking in and out at a NYCHA development near her Brooklyn residence, and actually spending her work hours at home. As a supervisor, this alleged conduct deprives NYCHA employees of supervision and NYCHA residents of services they are entitled to receive. This investigation began with an anonymous tip to DOI, demonstrating the real-world impact of reporting alleged fraud and corruption. I thank Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez and his staff for their partnership in protecting public funds; NYCHA; and the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for their cooperation and assistance, respectively."

According to the criminal complaint, WATSON is a Waste Management Superintendent assigned to Long Island City to perform her job duties. Between April and July 2026, WATSON allegedly clocked in at NYCHA's Glenwood Houses in Brooklyn, near her home, during nine weekend shifts, and would return home for the remainder of her shift before returning to Glenwood Houses to clock out. Video surveillance, physical surveillance, and NYCHA timekeeping records confirmed that the defendant clocked in, went home and returned to Glenwood Houses to clock out for a total of 56 hours and 16 minutes, valued at approximately \$4,380.90. The investigation found that the defendant was not authorized to work from home nor had she applied to work from home. The defendant stated during the investigation that she is allowed to commute on duty, that she goes home on the clock, and commutes to Long Island City after clocking in and out of Glenwood Houses.

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WATSON began employment with NYCHA in August 2001 and receives an annual base salary of approximately \$108,000.

DOI Commissioner Shihata thanked Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez and his staff for their partnership on this investigation. Commissioner Shihata also thanked NYCHA's Chief Executive Officer Lisa Bova-Hiatt for her and her agency's cooperation during the investigation; and Special Agent John Gueli Jr., from the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for his assistance.

At DOI, the investigation was conducted by Special Investigator Karen Smith with DOI's Office of the Inspector General for NYCHA, and was supervised by Assistant Inspector General Robert Joyce, Deputy Inspector General Gregory Deboer, Acting Inspector General Laureen Hintz, Deputy Commissioner of Strategic Initiatives Christopher Ryan, and Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Michael Mullahy.

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

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