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DOI INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF CITY EMPLOYEE ON CHARGES OF STEALING OVERTIME

Mark G. Peters, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of a Laborer employed by the New York City Fire Department ("FDNY") on charges of fabricating that he worked more than 400 hours of overtime in 2015 resulting in the theft of approximately \$21,000 in income from the City. DOI's investigation began in October 2015 after an FDNY supervisor reported discrepancies in the Laborer's time sheets. The office of Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown is prosecuting this case.

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "A City employee who fabricates his time sheet to grab income for work never conducted commits a crime and steals from the City and its taxpayers. DOI will continue to work with its City and law enforcement partners to ensure that taxpayer funds are not squandered."

EMANUEL S. GORDON, 34, of the Bronx, N.Y, who is employed in the FDNY's Fleet Services Division in Long Island City, is charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony; Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, class E felonies; and Official Misconduct, a class A misdemeanor. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison, a class E felony by up to four years in prison, and a class A misdemeanor by up to a year's incarceration.

According to DOI's investigation and the criminal complaint, on 82 occasions between January and November 2015 the defendant submitted false time sheets in CityTime - the City's digital timekeeping system. The investigation found the defendant did not scan out on the CityTime hand scanner when he was scheduled to end his shift and, instead, manually entered false clock-out times indicating he worked later than he really did resulting in overtime pay. In doing so, the defendant falsely indicated he worked 431 hours that, in fact, he had not worked, resulting in \$21,166 in overtime pay he was not entitled to receive. DOI conducted surveillance during several of these times and found the defendant was actually at home when his digital time sheets indicated he was working.

GORDON has been employed with the FDNY since 2003, receives a daily rate of \$261.92 resulting in a base pay of approximately \$68,360 in 2015. In addition to his base pay in 2015, GORDON received an additional \$61,470 in overtime pay, which includes \$21,000 connected to the criminal charges. The FDNY has suspended GORDON without pay.

Commissioner Peters thanked Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown, James Liander, Chief of the Queens County District Attorney's Integrity Bureau, FDNY Commissioner Daniel A. Nigro,

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FDNY Assistant Commissioners Robert Wallace and Mark Aronberg, and their staffs, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the FDNY, under the supervision of Inspector General Frank J. Carine, Associate Commissioner Paul Cronin, Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Michael Carroll and First Deputy Commissioner Lesley Brovner.

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

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