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**DOI INVESTIGATION LEADS TO RE-ARREST OF A CITY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES
EMPLOYEE ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CHARGES**

Mark G. Peters, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the re-arrest of a New York City Department of Homeless Services ("DHS") Housing Specialist on charges that he engaged in sexual misconduct with a shelter resident at the Auburn Family Shelter in Brooklyn. The DHS employee was previously arrested in December 2017 for similar conduct against two female shelter residents. Those cases are pending before the New York City Criminal Court. The office of the Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez is prosecuting each of these cases, including today's additional charges. A copy of the press release on the December 2017 arrest can be found at the following link: http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doi/press-releases/2017/dec/33ClydeJohnson_DHS_120517.pdf

DOI Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "This City Homeless Services employee abused his power and authority on multiple occasions and violated the safety and security of vulnerable shelter residents, according to the charges. For a second time DOI is arresting this individual for his alleged behavior, and we will continue to make arrests where City employees engage in this kind of indefensible misconduct."

Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said, "The victims in these cases had a right to feel safe and secure at the homeless shelter where this defendant was employed. Instead, he allegedly used his position to prey upon them. We stand committed to obtaining justice for all of the women who were allegedly targeted by him."

CLYDE JOHNSON, 54, of Queens, N.Y., was re-arrested and charged on Friday, February 2, 2018, with Forcible Touching, a class A misdemeanor; Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, a class B misdemeanor; and Harassment in the Second Degree, a violation. Upon conviction, a class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year's incarceration, a class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to three months' incarceration, and a violation is punishable by up to fifteen days' incarceration.

JOHNSON was previously arrested by DOI on December 4, 2017, for similar conduct against two shelter residents, with two instances also taking place at the Auburn Family Shelter.

JOHNSON has worked for DHS as a Community Coordinator and Housing Specialist since July 2015 and earns an annual salary of approximately \$57,916. DHS has suspended JOHNSON.

According to the criminal complaint and DOI's investigation, the charged incident took place in August 2017 inside of the Auburn Family Shelter, 39 Auburn Place. In this incident, JOHNSON allegedly touched a female shelter resident inappropriately. This woman is the third Auburn Place shelter resident to accuse Johnson of sexual misconduct.

DOI Commissioner Peters thanked Commissioner of the Department of Homeless Services Steven Banks and Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, and their staffs, for their cooperation and assistance in this investigation.

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The investigation was conducted by DOI's Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Homeless Services, specifically Special Investigator Jeremy Reyes, under the supervision of Deputy Inspector General Margaret Shivers, with assistance from Assistant Inspector General Octavia Hill, Special Investigator Julia Turret, and overall supervision by Inspector General Milton Yu, Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Susan Lambiase, and First Deputy Commissioner Lesley Brovner, and assistance from NYPD Detectives assigned to DOI.

The case is being prosecuted by the Office of the Brooklyn District Attorney, specifically Assistant District Attorney Brittany Heaney of the Special Victims Bureau.

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

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