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NYCHA SUPERVISOR CHARGED WITH TIME THEFT IN CONNECTION WITH WORKING UNAUTHORIZED SIDE JOB ON CITY TIME

Jocelyn E. Strauber, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation ("DOI"), announced today the arrest of a Supervisor of Mechanical Installations & Maintenance for the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") on charges of stealing time from the City between April and July 2025, valued at a total of \$4,724.17. The Office of Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez is prosecuting the case.

NABIL IBRAHIM, 56, of Staten Island, N.Y. is charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony; and 16 counts each of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree and Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, both class E felonies. Upon conviction, a class D felony is punishable by up to seven years in prison and a class E felony is punishable by up to four years in prison. IBRAHIM was arraigned this afternoon and released on his own recognizance.

DOI Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber said, "This NYCHA supervisor, as charged, ran his own business when he should have been inspecting construction and overseeing contractors at NYCHA developments. When City employees fail to do the work that they are paid to do, they deprive New Yorkers of services and defraud the City of time and taxpayer dollars. I thank the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office for their partnership on this investigation and NYCHA for its cooperation."

Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said, "City employees who collect a paycheck while shirking their responsibilities aren't just stealing from their fellow New Yorkers — they are also eroding trust in the institutions and agencies meant to serve them. We will continue to hold accountable anyone who defrauds the City for personal gain. I thank the Department of Investigation and my prosecutors for their thorough work on this case."

According to the criminal complaint, since February 2024, IBRAHIM was employed by NYCHA as a Supervisor of Mechanical Installations & Maintenance with the business title of "Field Inspector," and was required to be onsite to perform regular checks on contractors in the field at multiple NYCHA developments. New York Department of State records show that IBRAHIM owns 123 Heating and Cooling Corp., a company registered to do business in New York State. City Department of Buildings records show that IBRAHIM has an active general contractor ID number that permits him to apply for construction work permits in New York City. NYCHA's Human Resources Manual states that NYCHA employees are prohibited from owning any part of a business or firm that does business with New York City or NYCHA or receives a license, permit, grant or benefit from New York City or NYCHA. According to the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board, IBRAHIM has not obtained an outside employment waiver from COIB.

NYCHA's Kronos timekeeping database showed that on April 15, 2025, IBRAHIM clocked in at the Marlboro Houses, in Brooklyn, at 7:20 a.m. and clocked out at 3:55 p.m. However, DOI's physical surveillance observed that IBRAHIM spent the day working for his personal heating and cooling business or otherwise not engaged in NYCHA business. Similarly, on eight separate occasions between April and July 2025, IBRAHIM was clocked in at the Marlboro Houses from around 7:30 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m., while DOI's physical surveillance observed that IBRAHIM spent the day, or a portion of the day, working for his personal business or otherwise not engaged in NYCHA business. Additionally, on seven other dates between May and June 2025, GPS data collected from GPS devices installed on the defendant's vehicles pursuant to a search warrant showed that IBRAHIM's vehicle was not in the vicinity of the Marlboro Houses, except for the morning around 7:30 a.m. and the afternoon around 3:00 p.m., indicating that IBRAHIM spent the foregoing days working for his personal business or otherwise not engaged in NYCHA business. Between April 15, 2025, and July 22, 2025, at various locations, IBRAHIM did not have permission or authority from NYCHA to take, obtain or retain the \$4,724.17 he was paid by NYCHA for work he did not complete.

IBRAHIM began employment with NYCHA in February 2024 and receives an annual salary of approximately \$86,377. The defendant is expected to be terminated.

DOI Commissioner Strauber thanked Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez and his staff for their partnership on this investigation. The prosecution was handled by Adam Libove, Assistant District Attorney and Deputy Bureau Chief in the District Attorney's Public Integrity Bureau.

At DOI, the investigation was conducted by Confidential Investigator Ryan Carlton, with DOI's Office of the Inspector General for NYCHA and was supervised by Deputy Inspector General Gregory Deboer, Inspector General Ralph Iannuzzi, Deputy Commissioner of Strategic Initiatives Christopher Ryan, and Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Dominick Zarrella.

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

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