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Inspector General Announces Arrest

Parole Officer Accused of Not Reporting Income to Obtain Rent Subsidies Totaling \$24,469

New York State Inspector General Joseph Fisch announced the arrest of April Campbell, a New York State Parole Officer, on charges she failed to report income and fraudulently obtained reduced rent on a subsidized apartment. The investigation was conducted jointly with the New York City Department of Investigation.

Campbell, 37, of New York City, was charged with misrepresenting her income on documents she filed with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) in order to receive reduced rent on her HPD-sponsored section 8-subsidized apartment. According to the criminal complaint, Campbell's falsifications resulted in her receiving \$24,469 in rent reductions from 2005 to 2009 to which she was not entitled.

Campbell was charged in New York City Criminal Court on February 22, 2010, with one count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony, and five counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony

Since 2007, Campbell has been employed as a Parole Officer with the New York State Division of Parole, currently earning \$57,711 annually, and previously was employed by the New York State Office of Mental Health.

The New York County District Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case.

The Inspector General acknowledges staff who conducted the investigation including Director of the Contract Fraud Unit Paul Ryan, Senior Investigator Ben Defibaugh, and Investigator Daniel Samuel.

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