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## **STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY INVESTIGATOR ARRESTED ON CHARGES HE ILLEGALLY POSSESSED AND USED PARKING PLACARDS IN MANHATTAN**

New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott announced the arrest of a Beverage Control Investigator for the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) on charges he illegally used parking placards to park his vehicle in reserved on-street spaces near his work place in Manhattan. His arrest by the New York Police Department (NYPD) Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) today was the result of an investigation by Inspector General Scott's office.

"Government issued parking placards are meant to be utilized by state employees when they are doing official business," said Inspector General Scott. "Certainly they should never be abused, but most importantly, they should not be abused by someone who is charged with enforcing the law."

Mark A. Dallara, 63, of Queens was charged by the NYPD with Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor; and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor. He is scheduled to appear in Manhattan Criminal Court at a later date. The SLA suspended Dallara without pay.

The parking spaces in general were located at or near 126<sup>th</sup> St and Lennox Avenue. Dallara has been employed by the SLA since 2005.

Two of the placards were once designated for official use but their dates for legal use had expired. One of them was a state-owned placard and the second belonged to the New York City Administration of Children's Services (ACS), which had been reported lost. Another belonged to the SLA, but its use had been revoked. The fourth placard was manufactured without authorization and did not have an expiration date printed on it.

Inspector General Scott thanked the IAB for their assistance with the arrest and the investigation and the SLA for referring this matter to the Inspector General's Office. The Inspector General also thanked Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. for prosecuting this case.

The defendant is innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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