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## **RENSSELAER COUNTY SUPERVISING FRAUD INVESTIGATOR CHARGED WITH FILING FALSE REPORT TO HELP TROY HOUSING OFFICIAL EVADE ARREST**

TROY - New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott today announced the arrest of a Rensselaer County Department of Social Services Supervising Welfare Investigator for allegedly filing false county records in an attempt to cover up wrongdoing by a former Troy housing official.

Emanuel (Manny) Ned, 51, was arrested today on a charge of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony. A joint investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott and Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel Abelow determined that Ned, in early 2015, received allegations that Troy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Member Paul Moses was engaging in welfare fraud by concealing employment income. The investigation found that Ned filed investigative records fabricating witness interviews that never actually took place in order to make it appear the allegations were meritless and to close the case.

In a separate and unrelated investigation of Moses, Inspector General Leahy Scott determined Moses had in fact failed to disclose income and that he received unwarranted rental subsidies and other benefits that he was ineligible to collect. That investigation resulted in charges against Moses for felony welfare fraud in June.

“My investigation found that Mr. Ned not only violated the public trust, he purposefully misled his department so another person’s criminal conduct could continue unabated,” said Inspector General Leahy Scott. “I will aggressively pursue any public official who believes they are above the law and uses their position to facilitate wrongdoing.”

Inspector General Leahy Scott’s separate investigation found Moses, who was a tenant representative on the Troy Housing Authority, collected nearly \$50,000 in public assistance and housing subsidies he was not entitled to from 2009 through 2015. On his applications for public benefits he indicated receiving no employment income throughout the period he was actually employed as a bartender. Moses, in June, was charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony, Welfare Fraud in the Third Degree, a Class D felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class E felony. This case remains pending in court.

Ned is scheduled to be arraigned on the charge in Troy City Court on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Inspector General Leahy Scott thanked Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel Ablove for prosecuting this matter, and thanked Rensselaer County Executive Kathleen Jimino for the county's cooperation and assistance with this case.

The Office of the Welfare Inspector General is charged with oversight of local departments of social services.

The defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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