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**THE BUSINESS INTEGRITY COMMISSION ARRESTS A SECURITY OFFICER
WORKING IN THE NEW FULTON FISH MARKET AT HUNTS POINT, BRONX, N.Y.**

Commissioner Michael J. Mansfield of the New York City Business Integrity Commission announced the arrest of a New York State licensed security officer employed at New Fulton Fish Market at Hunts Point. On April 15, 2010, Commission investigators arrested Aubrey Odell Hodges for making false statements on his Photo Identification Application, which he was required to submit as part of the Commission's rigorous background screening process.

Hodges swore to the accuracy of his application in which he stated that he had never been "convicted of any misdemeanor or felony" charge. A background investigation conducted by the Commission revealed that Hodges had in fact been arrested 38 times and convicted of 18 misdemeanor charges.

Commissioner Mansfield stated, "This case is particularly troubling because the security officers working in the New Fulton Fish Market are not only charged with safeguarding the premises, they are also charged with protecting New York City's food supply. When an individual makes significant false statements about his extensive criminal record, it speaks volumes about his character, honesty and integrity."

In order to secure employment at the New Fulton Fish Market, Hodges was required to obtain a New York State security guard license. The investigation revealed that Hodges misrepresented his criminal history on that application and that he also misrepresented his criminal history in his application to obtain a New York State barber license.

The investigation was conducted by Investigators Jesse Straus and Michael Quinn under the supervision of Lt. Christopher Mahon, Senior Special Counsel Michael Mirabella, and

Assistant Commissioner for Legal Affairs John Curry, The New York City Police Department OCID Squad under the supervision of Lt. Christopher Murphy assisted in the investigation. This case is being prosecuted by the Office of the New York County District Attorney. Hodges was charged with Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the Second Degree.

Arrest charges and criminal complaints are merely accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.