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**CITY FIREFIGHTER PLEADS GUILTY TO HITTING FDNY COLLEAGUE IN THE FACE
AT HIS BRONX FIREHOUSE FOLLOWING DOI INVESTIGATION**

Jocelyn E. Strauber, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced today the guilty plea of a New York City Fire Department (“FDNY”) Firefighter in connection with a November 2023 altercation in the Bronx firehouse where he worked. The FDNY referred this matter to DOI for investigation. The Office of Bronx County District Attorney Darcel D. Clark prosecuted this case.

CHRISTOPHER MONTERO, 37, of Bronx, N.Y., was arrested today and charged with Assault in the Third Degree, a class A misdemeanor, and Harassment in the Second Degree, a violation; and immediately pled guilty to Disorderly Conduct, a violation. The plea agreement requires the defendant to complete a two-day anger management program and issued a two-year order of protection involving the victim, subject incidental contact at FDNY facilities.

DOI Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber said, “This defendant’s behavior falls far short of what we expect of City employees, particularly in the workplace, where employees are entitled to a safe and professional environment. By pleading guilty today, the defendant takes responsibility for his misconduct and has committed to anger management training. I thank the FDNY for referring this matter to DOI and the Bronx District Attorney’s Office for its partnership on this investigation.”

According to the criminal complaint, on November 27, 2023, at approximately 5:20 PM, inside a Bronx firehouse located at 4550 Henry Hudson Parkway East, MONTERO approached and hit another FDNY colleague in the face with a closed fist, causing his colleague to fall to the ground. The victim sustained a concussion as well as substantial pain and soreness to the head, according to the complaint.

MONTERO joined FDNY as an EMT in January 2016 and became a Firefighter in June 2018. He currently receives an annual salary of approximately \$105,146 and has been reassigned to 9 Metrotech Center in Brooklyn where FDNY is headquartered.

Commissioner Strauber thanked Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark, and her staff, for their partnership on this investigation, which is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Teri E. Chung, and supervised by Public Integrity Bureau Chief Omer Wiczuk. Commissioner Strauber also thanked FDNY Commissioner Robert S. Tucker for his agency’s cooperation in this investigation.

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At DOI, the investigation was conducted by Special Investigator Annessa Lall from DOI's Office of the Inspector General for FDNY and was supervised by Assistant Inspector General Chureshma Dean, Inspector General Audrey Feldman, Deputy Inspector General Arturo Sanchez, Deputy Commissioner of Strategic Initiatives Christopher Ryan, and Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Dominick Zarrella.

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