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NYC ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO SUBMITTING FORGED DOCTOR NOTES TO HIS EMPLOYER

Alan Anderson Submitted 12 Forged Doctor Notes to New York City's Child Welfare Agency to Avoid Reporting to Work

(SUFFOLK COUNTY, N.Y.) – Suffolk County District Attorney Raymond A. Tierney today announced the guilty plea of New York City Administration for Children's Services employee, Alan Anderson, 55, of Oakdale, for possessing and submitting 12 forged doctor notes to his employer in an effort to avoid having to appear for work. The arrest and conviction were the result of a joint investigation by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and the New York City Department of Investigation.

"This conviction demonstrates my office's ongoing commitment to holding accountable public servants who place their own self-interests above those of the people they serve," said **District Attorney Tierney**. "I commend and thank the New York City Department of Investigation for its assistance with this case."

"Yesterday, this city employee pleaded guilty to Official Misconduct for submitting forged doctors' notes so that he could avoid reporting to work in person at the City Administration for Children's Services and he has resigned from his city employment," said **DOI Commissioner**Jocelyn E. Strauber. "I thank the City Administration for Children's Services for its cooperation

in this investigation and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office for its commitment to hold accountable City employees who violate the law."

According to the investigation and the defendant's admissions in open court, between February 13 and May 7, 2024, Anderson submitted 12 fraudulent doctor notes to his employer, the New York City Administration for Children's Services ("ACS"), in order to avoid having to commute to his scheduled in-person office dates. At the time of the alleged offenses, Anderson was scheduled to work at the physical office location on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. All the dates Anderson submitted doctor notes were for either a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Anderson did not submit any notes corresponding with his scheduled remote workdays of Tuesday and Thursday.

On December 2, 2024, Anderson pleaded guilty to Official Misconduct, a Class A misdemeanor, before Acting County Court Judge James McDonaugh. Anderson is due back in court on January 27, 2025, and expected to be sentenced to 10 months in jail. He is being represented by the Legal Aid Society.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alexander D. Sylvan of the Public Corruption Bureau, with investigative assistance provided by the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI).

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