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

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

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

"Local government has no function more important than helping to safeguard the welfare of children, and my office remains committed to seeing that those working at agencies entrusted with that duty actually carry it out," said **District Attorney Tierney**. "I want to thank the New York City Department of Investigation for their hard work and cooperation in this case."

"This New York City employee forged doctors' notes that excused him from working in person at his assigned site in Manhattan, as alleged in the criminal complaint. The charged conduct reflects a lack of integrity that is unacceptable for a city employee," said **DOI Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber**. "I thank the City Administration for Children's Services for reporting this matter to DOI and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office for its partnership in this case."

According to the investigation, between February 13, 2024, and May 7, 2024, Anderson allegedly possessed and submitted 12 fraudulent doctor notes to his employer, ACS, 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, and was scheduled to work remotely on Tuesday and Thursdays. All of the dates that Anderson allegedly submitted doctor notes were for either a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

On August 29, 2024, Anderson was arrested by investigators from the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. He was then arraigned before District Court Judge Evan Tannenbaum for the following charges:

- Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D felony;
- Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, a Class E felony;
- Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a Class E felony; and
- Official Misconduct, a Class A misdemeanor.

Judge Tannenbaum released Anderson on his own recognizance during the pendency of the case. Anderson is due back in court on September 16, 2024, and he is being represented by Michael Ross, Esq.

This case is being prosecuted by Alexander D. Sylvan of the Public Corruption Bureau.

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Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty. No one is above the law.

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