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DOI & NYPD ARREST CITY MARSHAL'S EMPLOYEE FOR \$8,500 FORGED CHECK SCAM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1999 -- EDWARD J. KURIANSKY, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the felony arrest of SEAN MAPP, a driver and process server for City Marshal Norman Katz of Brooklyn, for stealing more than \$8,500 from the Marshal's bank accounts.

According to Commissioner Kuriansky, Marshal Katz reported two weeks ago to DOI and the New York City Police Department's (NYPD) 61st Precinct that 11 blank checks had been stolen from his office on Kings Highway in Brooklyn. The checks came from two accounts that the Marshal uses to make payments to the City Department of Finance and others who hire him to collect court judgments.

MAPP, who began working for Marshal Katz three months ago and earns \$250 - \$350 a week, became the focus of the investigation when it was discovered that he had purchased a 1997 Lincoln from a Bay Ridge car dealer at about the time the stolen checks were cashed. Further investigation revealed that MAPP allegedly cashed seven of the stolen checks, totaling \$8,570, at four check-cashing establishments in Brooklyn and Queens. The checks, which ranged from \$875 - \$1,550, had been made payable to MAPP and contained Marshal Katz's forged signature. In one instance, a check casher reported that MAPP had cashed his City Marshal paycheck along with one of the stolen checks.

Commissioner Kuriansky expressed his appreciation to Chase Manhattan Bank, Citibank NA, and Marshal Katz for their cooperation during the course of the investigation.

MAPP, 32, of 446 Kingston Avenue in Brooklyn, was arrested last night and charged with 8 counts of Forgery in the First Degree, 11 counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the First Degree, and one count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree. If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in prison.

The investigation was jointly conducted by DOI and the NYPD's 61st Precinct Detective Unit. The principal investigators on the case were Detectives Rick Tobing and Richard Gonzales, and Lieutenant Jerry Jacobs, of the 61st Precinct; and Detective Anthony Lombardo, of the DOI Investigative Squad, and Percy Corcoran, Chief Auditor of DOI's Marshals Bureau.

The Office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case.