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**DOI ARRESTS MAN FOR USING STOLEN CREDIT CARDS TO PAY
53 PARKING SUMMONSES WORTH MORE THAN \$4,700**

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of DANIEL MARKOVITZ for allegedly using three stolen credit cards to pay for 53 parking summonses worth more than \$4,700.

MARKOVITZ, 23, of Brooklyn, New York, has been charged with Grand Larceny in the Third and Fourth Degrees, Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, and Identity Theft. If convicted, he faces up to seven years in jail.

This investigation began when the Department of Finance (DOF) reported that MARKOVITZ may have used stolen credit cards numbers to make payments over the Internet for parking summonses he had received for his own car. DOI determined that MARKOVITZ had used three stolen credit card numbers to pay for a total of 53 parking summonses worth more than \$4,700 for himself, and for friends, relatives and associates. MARKOVITZ variously told people that he could get their parking tickets reduced because he either knew someone who worked in the parking violations bureau or worked for a website that helps adjudicate parking tickets. Friends, relatives and acquaintances gave MARKOVITZ up to \$780 each to not only have their parking tickets reduced but to have MARKOVITZ pay the ticket at the reduced rate on their behalf. MARKOVITZ pocketed at least \$2,000. MARKOVITZ then used the stolen credit card numbers to pay the tickets and pocketed the cash. DOF has reinstated all of the tickets that MARKOVITZ paid for with the stolen credit card numbers.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "People should be forewarned: If a deal looks too good, it probably is. MARKOVITZ allegedly has scammed several people – those whose credit cards were stolen and those to whom he promised he'd pay their parking tickets. In the end, this defendant allegedly pocketed at least \$2,000."

This is DOI's fifth arrest since June 2006 involving parking payment schemes to defraud the City. In June 2006, three individuals were arrested and charged with Grand Larceny after it was determined that they had stolen and/or cashed numerous money orders that had been submitted to the City for payment of New York City parking fines. In mid-November 2006, one individual was charged by Indictment with allegedly submitting more than 70 fraudulent documents in order to have numerous parking summonses dismissed on behalf of other individuals. Those cases are still pending in both New York and Kings County.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked Department of Finance's Commissioner Martha E. Stark, and members of her staff for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by DOI Assistant Commissioner Robert Joyce, Inspector General Gia L. Morris, First Assistant Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo, Special Investigator Dalila Cummings and Confidential Investigator Theresa Siame.

Assistant District Attorney Jeanne Robitaille from the Kings County District Attorney's Office will prosecute the case against MARKOVITZ.

Criminal complaints are accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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