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## STATE DMV SUPERVISOR CHARGED WITH WRONGFULLY ACCESSING REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND GIVING IT TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A COURT ORDER OF PROTECTION FILED AGAINST THEM

STATEN ISLAND – New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott and Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced the arrest of a New York State Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) employee accused of improperly accessing the personal DMV records of an individual and providing those records to the individual's estranged spouse against whom an order of protection had been filed.

Anthony Cataldi, 53, of Honey Lane in Staten Island, was arrested and charged today with Computer Trespass, a felony, as well as Unauthorized Use of a Computer and Official Misconduct, both misdemeanors.

An investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott found that on two separate occasions, Cataldi, who is employed as a Supervising Motor Vehicle Representative 1 at the Richmond County DMV office, wrongfully and knowingly accessed the personal vehicle records of an individual and relayed that information to that individual's estranged spouse against whom a court issued order of protection had been filed. On May 29 and June 15, 2018, Cataldi utilized the DMV's proprietary COMPASS system to access an individual's vehicle records at the request of that individual's estranged spouse. The COMPASS system is an internal DMV computer program that is unique to the agency and cannot be accessed remotely. It requires unique log-ins that are provided to DMV employees only and is not meant to be used for anything but official DMV business.

"These charges allege a DMV supervisor's brazen disregard for the potentially sensitive data he had access to as well as the safety of an individual he may have directly put in harm's way," said **Inspector General Leahy Scott**. "I will continue to use every resource at my disposal to pursue any public employee who willfully diminishes the integrity of their position and the state."

"This defendant is charged with using his position at the DMV to illegally access and disclose a client's personal information without permission," said **District Attorney McMahon**. "All Staten Islanders are entitled to their privacy and my office will not tolerate those who violate the public trust in such a way. We will continue to work with the NYS Office of the Inspector General to ensure this defendant is held accountable for his alleged crimes."

Cataldi was arraigned on the charges in Richmond County Criminal Court and released pending his reappearance in court on Jan. 7, 2019.

Inspector General Leahy Scott thanked the New York State Department of Motor Vehicle for their work on the investigation and Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon and his office for their assistance

with the investigation, arrest and prosecution of this case.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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