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STATE DMV EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH FORGERY, GRAND LARCENY Alleged to Have Falsified Documents to Avoid Paying Taxes

Acting State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott and Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced the arrest of a New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) employee, who was charged with filing a forged registration/title application to avoid paying the proper amount of taxes on an automobile she purchased from a dealership in Texas.

“New Yorkers rely on our public employees to deliver the best possible service, not use their knowledge to defraud the taxpayers,” said Inspector General Scott. “People on the public payroll scheming to circumvent the law will be fully investigated. I will continue to vigorously pursue these matters to ensure the public’s trust in its government.”

The Inspector General’s investigation found that Stacie Youman of Brooklyn purchased a used Porsche in April 2012 from a Texas dealership for more than \$17,700.00. She allegedly presented falsified paperwork to the DMV in Jamaica, Queens in July 2012 containing a forged signature of a Texas dealership employee, which falsely indicated the car was sold for only \$2,000. As a result of these falsifications, Youman paid \$172.50 in state transfer taxes, as opposed to in excess of \$1,500.00 she should have paid.

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said, “The defendant is accused of using her position in state government to avoid paying her fair share of sales tax owed to New York State by under reporting the actual price she paid for a vehicle by more than \$15,000. Such crime makes every New Yorker a victim by cheating the government and the public out of money that is especially needed in the ongoing fiscal crisis. I thank the State Inspector General for referring this matter to my office for prosecution.”

Youman is being charged with one count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a D Felony, one count of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, an E Felony, one count of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, an E Felony and two counts of Making a Punishable False Written Statement, an A Misdemeanor. If convicted, Youman faces up to 7 years in prison. She was arraigned in Queens County Criminal Court before the Hon. Mary R. O'Donoghue.

Inspector General Scott thanked District Attorney Brown for his assistance in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. The charges contained in the complaint are accusations. The defendant is innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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