

## Lying for the mob: Woman falsely claimed to be private sanitation business owner

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Lisa Lampitelli pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges for lying on an application, saying she was the owner of a private sanitation company, whose actual principal was denied a licensing exemption due to his mob ties, said authorities. ( )

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- She claimed she was the boss of a Mariners Harbor private sanitation company, and she really wasn't.

And now, Lisa Lampitelli has a criminal conviction to show for it.

Lampitelli, 45, of Sprague Avenue, Tottenville, pleaded guilty Wednesday in Criminal Court to second-degree offering a false instrument for filing, a misdemeanor, to satisfy all charges against her.

According to a criminal complaint, Lampitelli submitted an application containing false information to the city Business Integrity Commission between May 25 and June 9 of 2015.

The document sought an exemption from a licensing requirement for removing construction and demolition debris, the complaint said.

The application falsely stated Lampitelli owned Atlantic Couriers Inc., said the complaint.

In a statement, Daniel D. Brownell, chairman of the BIC, said the defendant was merely a front for the actual owner, whom the agency had denied a license due to his organized-crime ties.

"This is precisely the type of conduct that BIC was formed to protect against," said Brownell, who did not identify the owner.

Atlantic Couriers was incorporated on Staten Island in March 2015, according to online records of the state Department of State, Division of Corporations.

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Lampitelli was sentenced to time served and must forfeit \$5,000, said prosecutors.

"This defendant deceived the city into believing she owned a private sanitation company so that she could obtain a license on behalf of another individual to remove debris from construction sites," said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. "Local businesses are the backbone of our community, and this type of criminal behavior does a disservice to the hard-working and honest people of Staten Island."

Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Curiale prosecuted the case.

Said Joseph Sorrentino, Lampitelli's lawyer, "She's a wife and mother. She did something she didn't realize the seriousness of. This disposition was the quickest way to put it behind her."

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