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BROOKLYN WOMEN JAILED IN PROPERTY DEEDS FORGERY
-- Had Falsely Changed 3 Ownership Listings In City Records To Her Own Name --

EDWARD J. KURIANSKY, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today that DOROTHY JOBSON, a Brooklyn resident, has been sentenced to prison for attempted grand larceny involving the forging of 3 property deeds between 1998 and 1999 in an unlawful attempt to transfer ownership of the real estate to her own name.

JOBSON, who had pled guilty on January 25, 2001, to Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a Class D felony, was sentenced on Friday in New York State Supreme Court in Brooklyn by Acting Justice Neil J. Firetog to serve a prison term of 2 to 4 years and was immediately incarcerated.

The plea and sentence were the result of an investigation by DOI's Department of Finance (DOF) Inspector General, which began last year when a Brooklyn homeowner complained to DOI that a false property deed for her Bushwick house had been fraudulently filed with the City, shifting the recorded ownership of her property to an unknown party.

JOBSON was arrested and charged in November 2000 with filing fraudulent deeds with the DOF City Register's Office in Brooklyn. In each case, JOBSON allegedly used the name of a woman deceased since 1995 as the prior owner, listed herself as the new owner, and then filed the phony deed with the City.

The investigation revealed that JOBSON had filed forged deeds at the Brooklyn City Register's Office not only on January 9, 1998, for 1376 Bushwick Avenue, but also on September 13, 1999, for 85 Chestnut Street and 202 Etna Street, thereby illegally transferring the recorded ownership of all 3 properties to her own name.

JOBSON, 54, of 98 Chestnut Street in Brooklyn, had been charged with multiple counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, Tampering with Public Records in the First Degree, and Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, all Class D felonies, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a Class E felony. She had faced up to 7 years in prison.

Commissioner Kuriansky expressed his sincere appreciation to DOF Commissioner Andrew S. Eristoff and members of his staff for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by Vincent E. Green, DOI's Assistant Commissioner and Supervising Inspector General for DOF, and members of his staff, including Deputy Inspector General

Maureen A. Thomas, Assistant Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo, and Confidential Investigator Bella Ortiz.

The case was prosecuted by the Office of Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes. Assistant District Attorney Jacqueline Kagan, of the DA's Rackets Division, handled the matter.