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DOI ARRESTS BRONX JUVENILE COUNSELOR FOR PROMOTING PROSTITUTION

EDWARD J. KURIANSKY, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the felony arrest of EVERTON DUNCAN, an associate juvenile counselor at the City Department of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) Bridges Juvenile Center in the Bronx, for promoting prostitution by procuring 2 young women who engaged in oral sex at a sports bar, promising for \$600 to provide 6 women for a private bachelor party, and then actually accepting \$700 cash for bringing 7 women to the party, including a 16-year-old and a 17-year-old to engage in sexual conduct.

According to Commissioner Kuriansky, DJJ is responsible for the care, custody, and control of juvenile defendants, aged 9 to 16, and maintains 3 secure detention centers and several non-secure group homes. Bridges Juvenile Center, formerly known as Spofford, is a secure detention center at 1221 Spofford Avenue in the Bronx.

Commissioner Kuriansky said the investigation began in October 2000, when DJJ referred to DOI allegations, contained in an anonymous letter, that DUNCAN was operating a strip club.

The investigation disclosed that, at 1:30 a.m. on February 9, 2001, inside the A J Palace, a sports bar at 3848 White Plains Road in the Bronx, 2 young women, whom DUNCAN had procured, engaged in oral sex with an unidentified male. DUNCAN, at that time, and in a subsequent conversation with a DOI undercover detective on March 1, 2001, agreed, for \$600, to provide 6 women for a bachelor party, and promised that 2 of them would perform oral sex.

The investigation further revealed that, on the evening of March 9, 2001, at the bachelor party inside a private apartment at 2245 Randall Avenue in the Bronx, DUNCAN took \$700 cash from the undercover agent for actually bringing 7 women to the party, including a 16-year-old and a 17-year-old who were expected to engage in sexual conduct.

DUNCAN, 35, of the Bronx, has been charged with Promoting Prostitution in the Third Degree, a Class D felony. If convicted, he faces up to 7 years in prison.

Commissioner Kuriansky expressed his sincere appreciation to DJJ Commissioner Tino Hernandez and members of his staff for their cooperation and assistance in the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by Michael Caruso, DOI's Assistant Commissioner and Inspector General for

DJJ, and members of his staff, including Assistant Inspector General

Valerie Brown, Confidential Investigator Octavia Hill, and Special Investigator William Injeian, and Captain Robert Kelly, Detectives Antoine Dandridge and Levi Taylor, and Special Investigator Laurence Scott, of DOI's Investigative Squad.

The Office of Bronx District Attorney Robert T. Johnson is prosecuting the case. Assistant District Attorney Edward Dondes is handling the matter.