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OTB EX-PRES ADMITS USING AGENCY CREDIT CARD FOR FAMILY MEALS

Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau announced today the arrest and guilty plea of the former President of the New York City Off-Track Betting (OTB) Corporation on charges of stealing almost \$5,000 from the Corporation.

WILLIAM CARNEVALE pleaded guilty today to one count of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the Second Degree. He was sentenced to a conditional discharge and will pay restitution to OTB.

The complaint charges that the defendant used an OTB corporate American Express card to charge non-business related restaurant expenses totaling \$4,899.94. The complaint also charges that CARNEVALE submitted five signed expense reimbursement vouchers to OTB's Finance Department claiming the personal restaurant expenditures as legitimate business expenses.

The investigation leading to today's plea revealed that CARNEVALE paid for meals with family members at local restaurants near his Queens home. He also falsified his OTB expense reimbursement vouchers by listing either fictitious names as guest or the names or initials of individuals, including other employees of OTB who were not at the meals.

The defendant serves as President of OTB from April 1998 through December 30, 2000. He retired from OTB effective December 31, 2000. Today's charges stem from an investigation conducted by the New York City Department of Investigation and the OTB Inspector General. The matter was referred to the District Attorney's Office in late December 2000.

Assistant District Attorney Joan Delaney, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Special Prosecutions Bureau, was in charge of the prosecution.