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DOI Arrest Brooklyn Woman For Forging Property Deeds

-Falsely Changed 3 Ownership Listings In City Records To Her Own Name-

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EDWARD J. KURIANSKY, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the felony arrest of DOROTHY JOBSON, a Brooklyn resident, for forging 3 property deeds between 1998 and 1999 and filing them with the Department of Finance (DOF) City Register's Office in Brooklyn in an illegal attempt to transfer ownership to her own name.

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 deeds with the City.

Commissioner Kuriansky said that the investigation began in January when a homeowner complained to DOI that a property deed for her Bushwick house had been fraudulently filed with the City, shifting the recorded ownership of her property to an unknown party.

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

JOBSON, 54, of 98 Chestnut Street in Brooklyn, was charged with 3 counts each 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 3 counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a Class E felony. If convicted, she faces 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 of DOF, and members of his staff, including Deputy Inspector General Maureen A. Thomas, Assistant Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo, and Confidential Investigator Bella Ortiz.

The Office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes is prosecuting the case. Assistant District Attorney Jacqueline Kagan, of the DA's Rackets Division, is handling the matter.