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DOI ARRESTS SECURITY GUARD AND ACCOMPLICE FOR CASHING SOME \$8,000 IN STOLEN MONEY ORDERS

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), announced today the arrest of PRINCESS D. CARNES, a contract security guard for the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), and NAEEM B. MANN, a security guard at another company not under contract with the City, for allegedly stealing and fraudulently negotiating 13 money orders worth a total of \$8,100 originally intended as payments for DCA fines for selling tobacco products to minors. The money orders ranged from \$300 to \$1000 and were stolen from October to December 2004.

CARNES, 25, and MANN, 36, both from the Bronx, were both charged with Grand Larceny in the Third degree. If convicted, they each face up to seven years in prison.

DOI's investigation began after several individuals complained that they had paid their fines but had not been credited with the payment and their DCA licenses had been suspended. DOI determined that CARNES allegedly had instructed the respondents to leave the "pay to the order of" section of the money order blank, and that she would fill in the appropriate payee. CARNES and MANN negotiated the stolen money orders at a check cashing facility in Manhattan. DOI determined that CARNES negotiated \$4,300 in stolen money orders and MANN negotiated \$3,800 in stolen money orders.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked former DCA Commissioner Gretchen Dykstra, Acting DCA Commissioner Jonathan Mintz, and members of their staff for their cooperation and assistance during this investigation. This investigation was conducted by DOI Assistant Commissioner Vincent E. Green, and members of his staff, including Deputy Inspector General Alberta Ancrum and Acting Chief Investigator Daniel Lau.

The Office of the Manhattan District Attorney is prosecuting this matter. Assistant District Attorney Lauren Littman is assigned to the case.

Criminal complaints are accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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