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**MAN INDICTED FOR ALLEGEDLY SUBMITTING 70 FAKE DOCUMENTS TO GET
\$3,700 IN PARKING TICKETS DISMISSED**

Today, in Manhattan Supreme Court, JOHN NEVAREZ, was charged by indictment with allegedly submitting more than 70 fraudulent documents in order to have 37 parking summonses totaling more than \$3,700 dismissed.

NEVAREZ, 54, of Manhattan, was charged with 16 counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, and 16 counts of Tampering with Physical Evidence. If convicted, he faces up to 7 years in jail. The defendant was held on \$10,000 bail.

DOI investigators determined that NEVAREZ, or individuals who claimed to be working with him, appeared at Department of Finance (DOF) administrative hearings claiming to represent the registered owners or operators of vehicles that had received summonses. NEVAREZ and his associates allegedly submitted phony receipts to the hearing officer that falsely indicated that the vehicles in question did not deserve summonses because the vehicles were broken at the time the summonses had been issued and the vehicles subsequently have been towed and repaired. DOI determined that the vehicles were not disabled at the times the summonses were issued, and that the receipts presented at the hearings had not been issued by the companies listed on the letterhead. NEVAREZ charged the owners or operators of these vehicles approximately 50% of the value of the summonses for his representation at the hearings.

NEVAREZ has been the subject of several newspaper articles chronicling his exploits involving immigrants seeking green cards.

DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said "This defendant may soon have a lot of time on his hands in which he can fully learn that it is unlawful to scam people or the justice system. Additionally, these vehicle owners and operators have been shortchanged. Their wrongfully dismissed tickets have been reinstated with treble damages and they are out the money they paid the defendant."

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the City Department of Finance's Commissioner Martha E. Stark, and members of her staff, for their assistance and cooperation in the investigation. The investigation was conducted by Assistant Commissioner Robert Joyce, Inspector General Gia L. Morris, First Assistant Inspector General Jeffrey Dolcimascolo and Special Investigator Dalila Cummings. This matter is being prosecuted by the office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau. Senior Investigative Counsel Joanne Siegmund of the Special Prosecutions Bureau has been assigned to the case.

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

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