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**D.A. BROWN: NEW YORK CITY TRAFFIC AGENT CHARGED  
WITH FRAUDULENTLY WRITING DOZENS OF PARKING TICKETS**

*Agent Allegedly Never Left Her Vehicle; Allegedly Wrote Tickets While Sitting in Municipal Lot*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a traffic enforcement agent assigned to summons enforcement duty in Queens has been charged with writing dozens of fraudulent parking tickets in one day while, in some instances, sitting in her City vehicle which was parked at a handicapped parking space in the rear of a Long Island City municipal lot.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendant is charged with issuing 27 parking tickets at seven different locations throughout Queens County within a three hour period, with the alleged infractions occurring one to four minutes apart in the same location. In fact, she was allegedly sitting in her marked police vehicle miles away for periods of up to an hour and writing 'phantom' tickets to cars – often out of state vehicles. As a municipal worker entrusted with such enormous financial powers over motorists and a duty and responsibility to uphold the law, the defendant's alleged conduct is outrageous."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Nivea S. Cloud, 30, of Queens Village, Queens. She was arraigned today before Queens Criminal Court Judge Mary O'Donohue on 27 counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, 27 counts of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree and Official Misconduct. If convicted, she faces up to four years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, between 4:27 p.m. and 4:55 p.m. on May 12, 2006, the defendant was observed seated in her vehicle at a handicapped parking spot at a municipal lot on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street in Long Island City. However, according to the information she later downloaded from her handheld computer to the traffic command database, the defendant during this time was allegedly more than a mile away, issuing summonses to six vehicles purportedly parked in front of 37-06 Broadway. In a second instance later that day, the defendant was observed parked in a municipal lot on Steinway Street in the Steinway section of Queens between 5:50 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. when again, according to the information she downloaded, she was supposedly issuing parking violations to 16 cars purportedly parked at five different locations in Long Island City – 31-02 Broadway, 35-50 21<sup>st</sup> Street, 53-05 Broadway, 51-31 Broadway and 51-13 Broadway – during this time period. Finally, between 7:17 p.m. and 7:37 p.m. that day, the defendant was observed parked on the corner of Northern Boulevard and Prince Street in Flushing when, according to her summons device, she was supposedly issuing tickets miles away to five cars parked in front of 31-39 Steinway Street in Astoria.

The investigation was conducted by Sergeant Peter Murray of the NYPD Traffic Control Division Investigation Unit under the supervision of Captian Vincent J. Esposito, Commanding Officer, and by Detective Alfonso Frierson III, assigned to Group 56 of the NYPD's Internal Affairs Bureau, under the supervision of Captain Yolanda Ferman, Commanding Officer.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Daniel O'Leary, of the District Attorney's Integrity Bureau is prosecuting the case under the supervision of James M. Liander, Bureau Chief, and Carmencita N. Gutierrez, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

It should be noted that criminal charges are merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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