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**D.A. BROWN: TWO JETBLUE EMPLOYEES AND CITY EMPLOYEE  
ARE CHARGED IN STOLEN CREDIT CARD SCHEME**

*Allegedly Used Stolen Cards of Airline Passengers To Make Over 60 Purchases*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that two JetBlue employees at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) and a New York City correction officer have been charged with fraudulently using the stolen credit cards of JetBlue passengers to make dozens of purchases at a variety of locations throughout Queens and Manhattan over the past twelve months.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendants allegedly tried to fly under the radar, making relatively small, but illegal and unauthorized, purchases at gas stations, supermarkets and discount department stores throughout the city. By staying within the threshold of normal spending, none of their alleged purchases raised an eyebrow or alarm with store owners. In most cases, particularly at gas stations and supermarkets, they did not even have to interact with a human being. They simply swiped the alleged stolen cards through machines."

District Attorney Brown said that the investigation leading to today's arrests was conducted jointly with the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. The investigation revealed that various JetBlue customer services agents were allegedly using credit and debit cards that passengers inadvertently left at JetBlue's customer service counter at JFK and, in some cases, distributing the cards to other individuals. The investigation is continuing.

The District Attorney identified the three defendants as JetBlue employees Monique Robles, 25, of 253 Hunnewell Avenue in Elmont, Long Island, and Georgia Malamis, 30, of 136-06 58<sup>th</sup> Road in College Point, Queens, and New York City Correction Officer Jacqueline Miranda, 26, of Whitestone, Queens. The three defendants are awaiting arraignment later today in Queens Criminal Court in Kew Gardens.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the criminal charges, JetBlue flight attendant Robles used what she believed to be a stolen American Express card to purchase gas at a BP station, located at Astoria Boulevard and 108<sup>th</sup> Street, at approximately 10:30 p.m. on November 7, 2006. After allegedly filling up the Volkswagen Beetle she was driving, Robles pulled away from the pump and allowed a Chevy Blazer to pull up to the same pump. Without initiating a new transaction, the male driver of the Blazer proceeded to put gas in his car. In total, Robles allegedly used the stolen American Express card to purchase \$100 worth of gas. It is further alleged that within the next hour, Robles used the same American Express card to purchase \$112 worth of merchandise from a Pathmark supermarket located at 3106 Farrington Street in Queens, and \$88 worth of groceries from a Waldbaum's supermarket, located at 133-11 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Queens. In both instances, Robles allegedly signed the true cardholder's name to the credit receipt.

A second complaint charges that Correction Officer Miranda used what she believed to be a stolen American Express card to purchase \$44.49 worth of gas for the Jeep that she was driving from a BP gas station located at 130<sup>th</sup> Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the afternoon of October 25, 2006. On December 6, 2006, Miranda allegedly attempted to purchase gas at the same BP station using a different stolen American Express card but the card was declined. Less than ten minutes later, Miranda attempted to use the same American Express card to allegedly make a number of purchases – including DVDs – at a Target store located at 135-05 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, only to have the card once more declined. Both American Express cards allegedly used by the defendants belonged to male cardholders.

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A third complaint charges JetBlue Customer Service Agent Malamis with using what she believed to be a stolen American Express card on October 24, 2006, to purchase gas at a BP gas station located at Van Wyck Expressway and Atlantic Avenue. The card, however, was declined. The defendant allegedly attempted to use the American Express card twice more that day at two other BP gas stations – one located at Main Street and Avery Avenue and the other at College Point Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue. In both cases, the card was declined. On December 18, 2006, the defendant allegedly used a stolen Visa credit card to make purchases, totaling \$221, at the Kohl's Department Store in Fresh Meadows.

The three defendants were arraigned earlier today in Manhattan Criminal Court on similar charges. Each of the defendants was released on her own recognizance and immediately re-arrested on the Queens charges.

District Attorney Brown thanked Inspector General Robert E. Van Etten, Deputy Inspector General Michael Nestor, Investigator Arthur Maisano and Detective Steve Poulos, of the Office of the Inspector General of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for their cooperation and assistance in the investigation. District Attorney Brown also expressed his appreciation to the New York City Department of Corrections Inspector General's Office, Superintendent of Police Samuel Plumeri, Jr., and Detectives Frank Jillings and John Riley, of the Port Authority Police Department, as well as American Express Corporation, Discover Card Services and Commerce Bank.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Allison P. Wright, of the District Attorney's Economic Crimes Bureau, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Gregory C. Pavlides, Bureau Chief, and Christina Hanophy, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney Linda M. Cantoni.

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

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## **DEFENDANT INFORMATION**

**1) MONIQUE ROBLES**, a JetBlue flight attendant for three years, is charged in Queens with fourth-degree grand larceny, second-degree forgery, first-degree falsifying business records, second degree identity theft, and petit larceny. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison.

Robles is also charged in Manhattan with first- and second-degree identity theft and second-degree forgery. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison

**2) JACQUELINE MIRANDA**, a New York City Correction Officer for two years, is charged in Queens with first-degree falsifying business records, fourth-degree grand larceny, fourth-degree attempted grand larceny, second-degree identity theft, second-degree attempted identity theft, third-degree unlawful possession of personal identification and petit larceny. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison.

Miranda is also charged in Manhattan with first- and second-degree identity theft. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison

**3) GEORGIA MALAMIS**, a JetBlue customer service agent for four years, is charged in Queens with first degree falsifying business records, second-degree identity theft, fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, fourth-degree attempted criminal possession of stolen property, fifth degree conspiracy and petit larceny. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison.

Malamis is also charged in Manhattan with first- and second-degree identity theft. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison.

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