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INTERNATIONAL GRAFFITI VANDAL CHARGED
WITH DEFACING QUEENS SUBWAY TRAINS

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 27-year-old Queens woman has been charged with spray painting her tags – “Erin” and “Dani” – and other markings on subway cars on various Queens lines over an approximate three-year period.

District Attorney Brown said, “According to the charges, the defendant is reportedly well known in the international graffiti community – and to New Yorkers who have had to put up with her ego-driven vandalism of public property, which has cost taxpayers thousands of dollars to clean up.”

The District Attorney added, “Graffiti is a symptom of crime and negatively affects the quality of life of all citizens through decreased property values, increased taxes and a financial burden on affected businesses and homes. City officials and anti-graffiti activists have done a remarkable job over the years in cleaning up New York City’s image as a graffiti-scarred city. We will not allow one individual to mar the beauty of our City or threaten to return us to the days when our transit system and our highways and buildings were covered with graffiti.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Danielle Bremner (tags: “Erin,” “Dani” and Utah”), 27, of 45-50 48th Street in Woodside, Queens. Bremner is charged with second- and third-degree criminal mischief, making graffiti and possession of graffiti instruments. If convicted, she faces up to seven years in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to the charges, the defendant spray painted her tags “Erin” and “Dani” and other markings on six subway cars between September 30, 2005, and April 7, 2008, causing more than \$6,000 in damages. Specifically, it is alleged that she twice tagged a number 7 subway car laid up at 111th Street and Roosevelt Avenue; a “J” line subway car at the 111th Street station; a number 7 subway car laid up at the Main Street station; an “A” line subway car at the Broad Channel station; and a “F” line subway car at the Parsons Boulevard station.

It is further alleged that in executing a court-authorized search warrant at the defendant’s residence in July 2008, police recovered more than 450 spray cans, 50 latex gloves and 10 permanent markers, as well as bottles of acid etch, grog ink and shoe polish with a dobber dispenser, a bolt cutter, and a pair of pliers. In addition, other property allegedly recovered included Polaroid photographs of the tag “Dani,” 52 pieces of paper with graffiti drawings, including the tags “Dani” and “Erin,” and several digital photographs from her e-mail account depicting her tags on trains and one that shows her spray painting her tag on a non-New York City train.

The investigation was conducted by Detectives Jon Dubroff and Nino Navarra, of the Special Investigations Unit of the NYPD’s Transit Division, under the supervision of Sergeant Kevin Cooper.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Michael E. Brovner, of the District Attorney’s Gang Violence and Hate Crimes Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Mariela Palomino Herring, Bureau Chief, and Michele E. Goldstein, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Senior Executive Assistant District Attorney for Trials James C. Quinn and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorneys for Trials John H. Larsen and Robert J. Masters.

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

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