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QUEENS MAN CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE BURGLARIES IN FIVE-WEEK SPAN

*Defendant Took Advantage of Unlocked Doors or Used Screwdriver to Pry Open Entry to Office Buildings;
Took Cash and Credit Cards*

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Aaron McKelvey was charged in connection with seven burglaries and one attempted burglary at commercial buildings in Long Island City, Woodside, Maspeth and Jamaica in May and June. The defendant allegedly wandered through office spaces and, in some cases, rummaged through desks to take cash and credit cards.

District Attorney Katz said: “As alleged, this defendant thought he could enter private office buildings and help himself to cash and other items. He brazenly carried out three of the alleged burglaries in just one day. Workers deserve to feel secure in their offices without fear of intruders. We thank our partners at the NYPD for their work on this case.”

McKelvey, 30, of Jamaica, was arraigned Friday on an indictment charging him with five counts of burglary in the third degree and one count of petit larceny. Queens Supreme Court Justice Frances Wang ordered him to return to court August 27.

He was arraigned earlier this month on three criminal complaints charging him with two counts of burglary in the third degree, criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, petit larceny and attempted burglary in the third degree.

McKelvey is facing 3 ½ to seven years in prison on each burglary count, if convicted.

DA Katz said, according to the charges and investigation, on May 13, at approximately 8:25 p.m., McKelvey pried open the front door to Borenstein Catering in Jamaica. He was confronted by a security guard and left without incident.

Less than two weeks later, on May 26, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the defendant allegedly entered an unoccupied office building on 44th Avenue in Long Island City through an unlocked back door where he wandered around for 20 minutes before leaving.

On June 1, at approximately 8 p.m., McKelvey allegedly entered a satellite office of NBC News in Long Island City through an unlocked door and left with a sum of international currency.

On June 16, beginning at approximately 4 a.m., McKelvey allegedly entered three office buildings within blocks of one another in Long Island City, rifling through desk drawers and taking two credit cards and a flashlight from one of the offices.

Two days later, on June 18, at approximately 2:20 p.m., McKelvey allegedly entered the office of Smart Haven Lifestyle in Woodside but was confronted by a security guard and left without incident. Between approximately 7:05 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. that evening, he allegedly used a screwdriver to pry open the front door of the Penava Mechanical Corp. in Maspeth and once inside attempted to open mail left on a desk. He was confronted by a worker inside the building.

McKelvey was apprehended on July 7 in Brooklyn.

The investigation was conducted by NYPD Detective Steven Abrahamsen of the 108th Precinct Detective Squad. Under the supervision of Commanding Officer Sergeant Terrence Lloyd.

Assistant District Attorney Jaedon Huie of the District Attorney’s Strategic Investigations Bureau is prosecuting the case, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Rachel Stein, Deputy Bureau Chief, under

the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Tara Digregorio, Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Joseph T. Conley III.

Criminal complaints and indictments are accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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