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**D.A. BROWN: LONG ISLAND WOMAN CHARGED  
WITH STEALING \$12,000 FROM LIRR**

*Allegedly Used Refund Check 41 Times to Pay Bills for Her and Friends*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a Bay Shore, Long Island, woman has been charged with defrauding the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) out of more than \$12,000 by using the account and routing numbers of a LIRR refund check to pay her personal bills by phone and by providing the information to more than a dozen of her friends – for a fee – so that they could pay their own bills.

District Attorney Richard A. Brown said, “The defendant is accused of taking the Long Island Railroad for an expensive ride by using electronic funds transfers to pay off more than \$12,000 in personal debts owed by herself and her friends on forty-one separate occasions. The amounts allegedly billed to the Long Island Railroad ranged from a low of \$3.50 to more than \$490.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Monique C. Lundy, 31, of 8 Cherry Drive in Bay Shore, Long Island. She was arraigned last night before Queens Criminal Court Judge Mary O’Donoghue on a criminal complaint charging her with third-degree grand larceny, first-degree falsifying business records, first-degree scheme to defraud and petit larceny. Lundy, who faces up to seven years in prison if convicted, was ordered held on \$20,000 bail and to return to court on September 25, 2007.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, Lundy used the information from a LIRR refund check – checking account and routing numbers – to electronically transfer \$6,115.12 in funds from the Long Island Rail to the accounts of her creditors – such as AT&T, MCI and MasterCard – on more than 25 occasions between August 8, 2005 and January 23, 2006. It is further alleged that Lundy provided the LIRR account information to 13 of her friends for a fee – half of the amount they owed, payable in cash – so that they could pay \$6,342.32 in personal bills.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Edwin Ruiz of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Neil F. Gitin, of the District Attorneys Economic Crimes Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Gregory C. Pavlides, Bureau Chief, and Christina Hanophy, Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

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

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