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**TWO BROTHERS CHARGED WITH STEALING 8,600 QUARTERS
IN PARKING METER RIPOFFS**

One Defendant Allegedly Found With 740 Pilfered Quarters Stuffed in Front Pants Pocket

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that two brothers have been charged with breaking into Queens parking meters on two separate occasions over the last four months and stealing thousands of quarters in revenue through the use of master meter keys.

District Attorney Brown said, "To coin a phrase, these two defendants are accused of acting like two-bit thieves to unjustly enrich themselves. Unfortunately for them time has expired on their alleged scam."

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Miguel Williams, 39, of 65-43 Myrtle Avenue in Ridgewood, Queens, and his younger brother, Terrence Williams, also 39, of 2157 Pacific Street in Brooklyn. The two defendants are presently being held pending arraignment in Queens Criminal Court in Kew Gardens on charges of possession of burglar's tools, petit larceny, fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property and third-degree criminal tampering. If convicted, they each face up to one year in jail.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, police from the NYPD's 110th Precinct saw Miguel and Terrence Williams standing next to two parking meters at the intersection of Main Street and Maple Avenue at just after midnight today. Each man was allegedly observed holding a set of metal keys, which the men then used to open the meters and remove multiple quarters. The quarters, in turn, were then allegedly placed in the pockets of Miguel Williams. Police allegedly recovered 740 quarters, totaling \$185, from the front right pants pocket of Miguel Williams, as well as the set of keys each man was holding and an additional five keys from Miguel Williams's shoe.

The District Attorney noted that both brothers were arrested on May 1, 2009, on similar charges. At that time, it was alleged, the two men had exited a black Tahoe in the vicinity of the Queens Mall and approached several parking meters, which Miguel Williams opened with a key while Terrence Williams blocked his actions. When police from the NYPD's 110th Precinct arrested the men, they allegedly recovered two keys from under Miguel Williams's hat and six keys rolled in his shirt. Police also recovered 7,884 quarters (totaling \$1,971) from the black Tahoe, which belonged to Miguel Williams's wife. Bail in that case, which is pending, was set at \$2,500 for Miguel Williams and \$1,000 for Terrence Williams. Both men are due back in court on September 23, 2009.

District Attorney Brown said the investigation is continuing to determine where the defendants obtained the keys.

Assistant District Attorney Nicole M. Aloise, of the District Attorney's Criminal Court Bureau, is prosecuting both cases under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Joan I. Ritter, Bureau Chief, and Kimberly A. Affronti and Floyd D. Herring, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, 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 a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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