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INTERNATIONAL GRAFFITI VANDAL SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS IN JAIL
FOR DEFACING QUEENS SUBWAY TRAINS
Must Also Make \$10,000 In Restitution to MTA

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a notorious international graffiti vandal who allegedly spent last summer on a “tag” tour through Europe has been sentenced to six months in jail for spraying painting her tags – “Erin” and “Dani” – on subway cars on various Queens lines over an approximate three-year period. In addition, the defendant was ordered to pay \$10,000 in restitution to the MTA.

District Attorney Brown said, “For someone who supposedly does graffiti for a living, the defendant could not read the writing on the wall. New Yorkers are sick and tired of so-called graffiti ‘artists’ and their ego-driven vandalism of public property, which is a blight on the urban landscape and has cost taxpayers thousands of dollars to clean up.”

The District Attorney added, “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, who pleaded guilty on June 18, 2009, to second-degree criminal mischief, appeared today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Pauline A. Mullings, who sentenced her to six months in jail and to pay restitution of \$10,000 to the MTA. The Queens sentence covers pending cases in Brooklyn, the Bronx and Manhattan.

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, 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.

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 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, prosecuted 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.

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