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**BRONX MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSING**  
**FORGED NEW YORK SAFETY/EMISSION INSPECTION STICKERS**  
**FOLLOWING FLIGHT FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**  
*Defendant Faces Up To 7 Years In Prison If Convicted*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced that a 34-year-old Dominican national residing in the Bronx has been charged with possessing more than 900 fraudulent 2016 New York State Safety/Emission Inspection stickers after being screened by Customs officers at Kennedy Airport following a flight yesterday from the Dominican Republic.

District Attorney Brown said, “The street value of the forged inspection stickers that the defendant is accused of possessing is estimated to be more than \$100,000 and were likely intended for individuals who knew that their vehicles stood a good chance of not passing inspection. If this scheme had not been stopped, hundreds of unsafe or improperly equipped vehicles could have been operating on our streets.”

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Luis J. Cabral, 34, of Jerome Avenue in the Bronx. Cabral is presently awaiting arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on a criminal complaint charging him with second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, a Class D felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the criminal charges, Cabral and his luggage were being searched by a Customs officer at John F. Kennedy International Airport (Terminal 5) at approximately 7:40 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, following his arrival on a JetBlue flight from the Dominican Republic when the officer observed and recovered approximately 935 fraudulent 2016 New York State safety/emissions inspection stickers from his bags. The stickers allegedly lacked specific security features and displayed the incorrect font, coloring and micro-printing.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Luis Nieves, Sergeant Sunghoon Kim, Captain Brian Sayre and Inspector John Denesopolis, of the New York City Police Department’s Organized Crime Investigations Division, JFK Task Force; by U.S. Customs and Border Protection Patrol Officer Alexandra Brito and U.S. Department of Homeland Security Special Agent Douglas Heillman; and by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles’ Division of Field Investigation.

Assistant District Attorney Hana C. Kim, of the District Attorney’s Organized Crime and Rackets Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Gerard A. Brave, Bureau Chief, and Mary M. Lowenburg and Catherine C. Kane, Deputy Bureau Chiefs, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

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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