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FOUR NEW JERSEY MEN CHARGED WITH SELLING ILLEGITIMATE NEW YORK CITY FERRYBOAT TICKETS

On September 1, 2010, Detectives from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office arrested and charged four New Jersey men after an investigation revealed that they had been selling illegitimate tickets for a ferry service which provides commuter service between two northern Monmouth County locations and New York City, N.Y.

Charles R. Frobosilo, 42, of North Brunswick, N.J., Scott M. Dachishen, 46, of Monmouth Beach, N.J., Matthew A. Gaeta, 37, of Little Silver, N.J., and Christopher P. Uliano, 39, of Middletown, N.J., are each charged with second degree Theft by Deception, second degree Conspiracy, and the fourth degree crimes of Forgery and Uttering a Forged Instrument. Frobosilo is also charged with second degree Misconduct by a Corporate Official.

The Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office commenced the investigation when SeaStreak, L.L.C., contacted it and reported that it had determined that several passengers had used fraudulent tickets to board their ferries. An examination of the illegitimate tickets disclosed that while they were virtually identical to the legitimate tickets sold by SeaStreak, the sequential ticket numbers which appeared on the illegitimate tickets had not yet been released by the company.

The year-long investigation revealed that SeaStreak contracted with a New Brunswick, N.J., vendor to supply the ferry business with its boarding tickets. The vendor used another business, Creative Impressions, Inc., also located in New Brunswick, N.J., to stamp-press sequential numbers on to the boarding tickets which it was making for SeaStreak. Creative Impressions, Inc., is owned by Frobosilo.

When the boarding tickets were provided to Frobosilo, Frobosilo was also provided with an additional quantity of tickets which were to be used in the event of an error in the stamp-pressing process. Frobosilo provided the requested number of boarding tickets to SeaStreak. Frobosilo also stamp-pressed numbers on to the additional tickets and sold them to Dachishen, Gaeta and Uliano.

Dachishen, Gaeta and Uliano were selling monthly books of the illegitimate tickets for approximately \$125.00 less than the regular SeaStreak price of \$625.00. SeaStreak officials have estimated that the financial loss the company incurred as a result of this criminal scheme is in excess of \$600,000.

Following the arrests, Monmouth County Superior Court Judge Thomas F. Scully set the bail for Frobosilo at \$400,000, for Dachishen at \$250,000 and for Gaeta at \$75,000. Judge Scully set bail for Uliano at \$50,000 with the 10 % option.

Upon conviction, the maximum potential custodial sentence for a second degree crime is a State Prison term of up to ten years, and the maximum potential custodial sentence for a fourth degree crime is a term of up to 18 months.

Monmouth County Prosecutor Luis A. Valentin stated, "These allegations concern a substantial fraud against a major passenger ferry service. Fraudulent conduct such as this generally inures to the detriment of the many honest consumers who rely upon the ferry for commutation and other purposes. We encourage any person with information regarding the sale of illegitimate boarding passes to contact our Office."

Notwithstanding these arrests, the investigation into the alleged criminal activities is continuing. Members of the public possessing information regarding criminal activity on the part of any of the individuals who were arrested as a result of this investigation or who have reason to believe that they may possess information pertaining to the manufacture, sale or use of illegitimate SeaStreak ferry tickets are encouraged to contact Lieutenant Jason Clark or Detective John Maggs of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office at 1-800/ 533-7443.

Images of Frobosilo, Dachishen, Gaeta and Uliano which were taken at the time of their arrest accompany this News Release in an effort to assist members of the public in ascertaining whether they potentially are in possession of information which might be of assistance to the Detectives who are investigating this matter.

The investigation has failed to uncover any evidence that SeaStreak or its employees were involved in any criminal activity relating to the illegitimate boarding tickets.

Despite these charges, every defendant is presumed innocent, unless and until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, following a trial at which the defendant has all of the trial rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and State law.

The case is assigned to Assistant Prosecutor Monmouth County Prosecutor John F. Loughrey, Director of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office's Special Prosecutions Bureau. No attorneys have entered an appearance with the Monmouth County Prosecutor' Office on behalf of Frobosilo, Dachishen or Uliano. Gaeta is represented by Mitchell J. Ansell, Esquire, of Ocean Township, N.J.

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