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RCDA and DSNY Partner for Operation “Beautify Staten Island”, Issue Multiple Summonses To Individual For Posting Dozens of “Cars 4 Cash” Stickers Around Borough

Joint investigation between DA McMahon’s office and DSNY resulted in Sanitation Police issuing 62 summonses totaling approximately \$7K in fines to individual who posted dozens of “Cars 4 Cash” stickers and signs all across Staten Island

Staten Island, N.Y. — Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon and Commissioner of the New York City Department of Sanitation Edward Grayson today announced that Sanitation Police have issued 62 summonses totaling approximately \$7,000 in fines to a Staten Island man following a joint investigation between RCDA and DSNY to address several sightings in recent months of “Cars 4 Cash” stickers affixed to utility poles and public locations across Staten Island. In an effort to identify the origin of these stickers, RCDA detective investigators and DSNY began a joint investigation, called Operation “Beautify Staten Island”, which ultimately led to the identity of the person taken into custody this week. Sanitation Police issued the defendant, Amir Hussain, 62 summonses, totaling approximately \$7,000 in fines for allegedly posting dozens of stickers and signs around the borough. The defendant will appear before a judge on January 14, 2022.

“Anyone who travels around Staten Island has surely noticed these hideous stickers defacing traffic poles and other public spaces all across our borough. To address this offensive eyesore, investigators from my office and DSNY worked in conjunction to identify and hold accountable the individual allegedly responsible for these illegal postings,” **said Staten Island District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.** “We thank Commissioner Grayson and his team at DSNY for their partnership. As we continue our efforts to keep Staten Island safe and clean, let this serve as a warning to anyone who thinks they have the right to use our public spaces as their personal billboard. These actions are illegal and will result in heavy fines. I strongly recommend to the

“entrepreneurs” who currently have these illegal signs and posters up that they take them down because we are investigating you too! And make no mistake, this includes political campaigns as well! Staten Island is not your dumping ground, nor do we deserve to be plagued by your visual pollution! Clean it up or you will be fined!”

New York City Department of Sanitation Edward Grayson said, “Our joint enforcement actions send a clear message that those who illegally post signs on public property will face meaningful consequences. I thank District Attorney Mike McMahon for his partnership in our efforts to rid our neighborhoods of these eyesores. My hope is that this message is heard across the city, prompting would-be lawbreakers to think twice before marring neighborhoods with these illegal postings.”

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