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TWO ARRESTED ON FEDERAL CHARGES IN PHONY CUSTOMER REFUND SCHEME

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and RONALD J. VERROCHIO, the Inspector-in-Charge of the New York Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS"), announced that ENDER OSKAY, 47, a resident of Croton-on-Hudson, and KRISTYN DEANGELO, 28, a resident of Manhattan, were arrested yesterday on a charge of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, in a scheme to obtain multiple refund checks from various consumer corporations. According to the criminal Complaint unsealed yesterday in White Plains federal court:

From about February 2006 through about November 2008, in response to numerous phone calls complaining about various products, a number of consumer corporations sent refund checks to approximately 50 post office boxes rented in the name of ENDER OSKAY, as well as to a residence in Manhattan. The checks were made payable to various names, including multiple names similar to ENDER OSKAY and KRISTYN DEANGELO, for example, "Ender Poskay" and "Angel Kristo." As a result, OSKAY and DEANGELO received more than 3,000 checks totaling more than \$150,000.

In a court appearance before United States Magistrate Judge GEORGE A. YANTHIS yesterday afternoon, OSKAY was ordered detained pending trial and DEANGELO was released on a \$100,000 personal recognizance bond. If found guilty, OSKAY and DEANGELO face a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or gross loss from the scheme.

Mr. DASSIN praised the investigative efforts of the U.S.

Postal Inspection Service in this case.

Assistant United States Attorney ANNA M. SKOTKO is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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