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**NYPD OFFICER ARRESTED IN PLOT TO ROB MANHATTAN
APARTMENT TO OBTAIN HIDDEN DRUG MONEY**

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, RAYMOND W. KELLY, Police Commissioner of the City of New York ("NYPD"), and JOHN P. GILBRIDE, the Special Agent-In-Charge of the New York Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration, announced that SHAWN JENKINS, an NYPD officer, was arrested early this morning in Manhattan on charges of conspiring and attempting to rob an apartment in upper Manhattan to obtain approximately \$900,000 that a former occupant of the apartment, a drug dealer who had been arrested and deported, had left behind. The investigation that culminated in today's arrest was led by the NYPD's Internal Affairs Bureau ("IAB") in conjunction with the New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force ("OCDETF").

As alleged in the Complaint unsealed today in Manhattan federal court:

During the course of several telephone calls and meetings between May 5 and May 12, 2009, JENKINS, an NYPD police officer in Manhattan, discussed with a confidential informant ("CI") robbing an apartment located on Broadway in upper Manhattan. JENKINS told the CI that a drug dealer, for whom he used to work as a bodyguard, used to live in the apartment and store money there. JENKINS further told the CI that the drug dealer had been arrested and deported, and had asked JENKINS to retrieve approximately \$900,000 hidden under the floor in a

closet in the apartment, where someone else now lived. At a meeting on May 7, 2009, JENKINS and the CI agreed that the CI would pose as a law enforcement officer, knock on the apartment door, serve an official document on the current occupant to gain entry, and then use a stun gun to immobilize the occupant. JENKINS and the CI discussed wearing disguises, including possibly raid jackets or other police clothing, and using handcuffs to secure the occupant. JENKINS also provided the CI with an official NYPD document to use to gain entry into the apartment. On May 12, 2009, JENKINS called the CI and told him he wanted to rob the apartment that night.

According to the current occupant of the apartment, there have been several attempted burglaries of the apartment since April 2008. During a burglary around July 2008, while the current occupant was on vacation, the floorboards of a closet in the apartment were ripped up.

JENKINS, 41, of Manhattan, was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit a robbery affecting interstate commerce and one count of attempt to commit a robbery affecting interstate commerce. If convicted, JENKINS faces a maximum sentence of twenty years in prison and a fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss from the offense, on each charge.

Mr. DASSIN praised the outstanding investigative work of the NYPD IAB and the New York OCDETF Strike Force.

The New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force is comprised of agents and officers of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the New York City Police Department, the United States Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, the Department of Homeland Security United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the New York State Police.

This case is being prosecuted by the Public Corruption Unit of the United States Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorneys BRENT S. WIBLE and DANIEL L. STEIN are in charge of this prosecution.

The charges set forth in the Complaint are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until found guilty.

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