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## **BRONX D.A. TO RECEIVE MORE THAN A QUARTER-MILLION DOLLARS TO COMBAT CAR THEFT**

**(Bronx, NY – January 12, 2014)** – Bronx County District Attorney Robert Johnson announced that the office is the recipient of a substantial New York State grant to aid its efforts in combating and prosecuting motor vehicle theft and related insurance fraud cases. The \$273,000 being awarded to the Bronx D.A.'s Office represents part of nearly \$4-million being awarded to prosecutors and police statewide. ([Governor Cuomo Announces Awards to Combat Motor Vehicle Theft & Insurance Fraud](#))

The grant will be used in collaboration with similar grants given to the NYPD, NYFD and the offices of the District Attorneys of the other four boroughs, to jointly investigate, enforce and prosecute crimes, targeting motor vehicle theft and insurance fraud.

*"We have seen unprecedented reductions in auto theft, not just in the Bronx, but in all of New York City, and it is due not only to the work of the NYPD, but also to the efforts enabled by grants such as these,"* says Bronx D.A. Robert Johnson. *"This new grant money will enable us to expand and enhance the investigation and prosecution of bait car-related arrests, in particular for the theft of car parts like side view mirrors, wheels and tires. In addition, the money will enable us to focus more resources to combat insurance fraud."*

Money for the grants comes from a \$10 fee assessed on insurance policies issued for vehicles registered in New York State.

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