



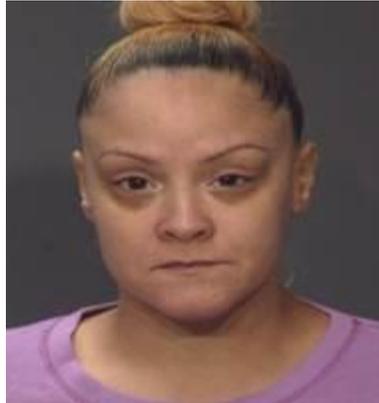
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## Bronx Woman Faces Felonies for Numerous Fake Marriages

**(Bronx, NY – April 10, 2015)** – Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson today announced the Supreme Court indictment of 39-year-old **LIANA BARRIENTOS** on charges of Offering False Instruments for Filing in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (2 counts, Class E Felony).

Those false instruments were an application for a marriage license, and the signed marriage license itself, executed in the springtime of 2010 – stating this was BARRIENTOS' first and only marriage. The groom was a man named Salle Keita, whom she wed March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, according to the indictment.

But he was far from the only groom, as it turned out. She is believed to be currently married to four people, and at one time she was married to eight of them at the same time. The case was brought to the attention of the Bronx County District Attorney's Office by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and the Department of Homeland Security's Investigation Division. They indicated that seven of the men are from so-called "red-flagged" countries, which included Egypt, Turkey, Georgia, Pakistan, and Mali. In 2006, Groom #8 – Rashid Rajput – was deported to his home country of Pakistan following an investigation by the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

The others whom she is alleged to have married, filing marriage certificates from Westchester to Long Island, and most without benefit of divorce:

- **Mohamed Gebril** - Egypt (married November, 1999) filed for Legal Permanent Resident Status (LPR) 1/26/00 using her - divorced 4/29/02
- **Ahmed Allam** - Egypt (married November, 2001) filed for LPR 11/27/01 using her – divorced 11/20/04
- **Habibur Rahman** – Bangladeshi (married November, 2001) - Currently Married
- **Davit Koridze** - Georgia (married February, 2002) – Currently Married
- **Duran Goktepe** – Turkey (married March, 2002) filed for LPR 3/29/02 using her – divorced 1/10/07



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- **Aliaksandr Paharelau** – Czechoslovakia (married March, 2002) – possibly divorced 7/25/05
- **Vakhtang Dzneladze** – Georgia (married May, 2002) filed for LPR 6/14/02 and approved using her and naturalized 11/15/06 – divorced 2/26/07
- **Rashid Rajput** – Pakistan (married July, 2002) filed for LPR 8/21/02 using her – put into removal proceedings after Joint Terrorism Task Force investigation regarding making threatening statements toward the US and deported in 2006 – currently married
- **Kakhaber Khorbaladze** – Georgia (married August, 2002) filed for LPR 8/27/02 and approved using her in 2006 – divorced 8/6/07
- **Salle Keita** – Mali (married March 4, 2010) no valid immigration status – currently married

In Supreme Court today, before Justice Steven Barrett, BARRIENTOS pled not guilty to the charges. If she is convicted, the defendant faces up to four years behind bars.

The case against LIANA BARRIENTOS is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Lupo of the Bronx D.A. Arson/Auto/Economic Crime Bureau, and the arrest was made by the Detective Investigator Det. Manuel Lara of the Bronx D.A.'s Detective Investigator Squad, led by Chief Frank Chiara, as well as ICE Special Agent Joseph Grimaldi.

The charges in this indictment are merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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