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ANOTHER EX-COP SENTENCED FOR PART IN “TIX-FIX” SCANDAL

Former PBA Delegate Christopher Manzi Pleads Guilty

(Bronx, NY – June 15, 2015) – Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson announces the plea of guilty and sentencing of another one of the former NYPD officers involved in the widespread ticket-fixing scandal that was exposed during the probe into now-convicted former fellow officer JOSE RAMOS.

The 45-year-old CHRISTOPHER MANZI formerly of the 41st Precinct in the Bronx, pled guilty to a single count of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, P.L. 155.30(2), a Class-E felony. Supreme Court Justice Steven Barrett denied the Bronx D.A.’s request to sentence MANZI to 1,500 hours of community service, instead granting the former PBA delegate, who retired from the NYPD in 2013, a conditional discharge. That sentence means he will serve no jail time as long as he breaks no laws during the next three years. The defendant also waived his right to appeal the case.

MANZI’s plea and sentencing comes nearly a week after Brian McGuckin, the former 40th Precinct PBA Delegate/Financial Secretary, pled guilty for his part in the tix-fix scandal, also receiving a conditional discharge.

CHRISTOPHER MANZI was charged by a Bronx Grand Jury (Indictment # 3313/2011) with 158 counts, which included 21 counts of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, 58 counts of Official Misconduct, 29 counts of Obstruction of Governmental Administration in the 2nd Degree, 21 counts of Conspiracy in the 5th Degree, 22 counts of Criminal Solicitation in the 4th Degree, and 7 counts of Criminal Solicitation in the 5th Degree.

In total, the 2011 Grand Jury looking into the sweeping investigation into police corruption returned 22 indictments, charging 21 defendants with 1,600 felony and misdemeanor accounts, all touched off by the anonymous



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tip received by the NYPD Internal Affairs Bureau into the illegal business activities of now-convicted 40th Precinct Office JOSE RAMOS. As part of that investigation, IAB discovered the organized and wide-scale practice of fixing parking and moving violation tickets, criminal and other summonses, mostly done by PBA delegates and officials for friends and family.

The Grand Jury charged CHRISTOPHER MANZI with 29 separate incidents of ticket fixing, primarily by orchestrating inaccurate, false, or incomplete information, including the removal and discarding of parking and moving summonses, allowing the motorists to avoid punishment.

Earlier this year, disgraced officer JOSE RAMOS pled guilty to the remaining half-dozen indictments against him for crimes ranging from ticket-fixing to Grand Larceny, selling counterfeit CDs and DVDs, and conspiring to kill a witness against him on his earlier case. In 2014, a jury found RAMOS guilty on charges of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree and other crimes. With both cases, JOSE RAMOS has been sentenced to 15-1/2 to 23-1/2 years in prison.

Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson wishes to thank Chief Joseph Resnick and the Internal Affairs Bureau of the NYPD, in particular, case detective Randy Katakovsky, for their diligent work in this investigation.

The prosecutors on both the McGUCKIN and MANZI cases are Senior Trial Assistant D.A. Donald Levin and Assistant D.A. Kyung "Ann" Lee of the Bronx D.A.'s Rackets Bureau of the Investigations Division. The Chief of that Bureau is Stuart Levy.

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