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**Brooklyn Police Officer Charged With Soliciting Sex From NYPD Candidate
In Exchange For Helping To Get Her Hired**

Officer Indicted On Charges of Bribe Receiving, Coercion And Official Misconduct

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that a 34-year-old New York City police officer has been indicted on charges that he contacted a woman with a pending application to the New York Police Department and offered to expedite the hiring process in return for sex.

District Attorney Thompson said, "This defendant shamefully violated his duty to uphold the law by demanding sex from a woman who simply wanted to become a police officer. He will now be prosecuted for his outrageous conduct."

The defendant, Delfin Lantigua, 34, of 170 E. 4th Street in the Kensington area, was arraigned this morning on charges of third-degree bribe receiving, second-degree coercion and official misconduct before Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Danny Chun in Brooklyn Supreme Court. Lantigua faces up to seven years in prison if convicted.

District Attorney Thompson said that, according to the investigation, Lantigua, an NYPD officer since 2005 who is assigned to the Brooklyn North Task Force, contacted the applicant via Facebook on February 9, 2014, and told her he could get her hired.

District Attorney Thompson said the woman contacted the Police Department and consented to wear a wire when she met Lantigua at a Dunkin Donuts in Brooklyn on March 11, 2014. In that meeting, according to the investigation, Lantigua allegedly demanded multiple instances of sex from the woman, as well as \$1,000 and other conditions.

The woman agreed to meet Lantigua at a Brooklyn motel on March 13, 2014, and when he arrived, Internal Affairs Bureau officers arrested him.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Danielle Gough of the District Attorney's Investigations Division, under the supervision of Charles M. Guria, Executive Assistant District Attorney in the Civil Rights Unit of the Investigations Division.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.

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