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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **D.A. DONOVAN: S.I. MAN POSING AS ATTORNEY DEFRAUDS WOMAN OF OVER \$150,000 IN REAL ESTATE SCAM**

***\*\*\*Renauld A. Gregg, 29, Charged With 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Grand Larceny, D.A. Seeks Additional Victims\*\*\****

STATEN ISLAND, NY - Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. today announced that Renauld A. Gregg, (DOB: 3/9/1979) of Wygant Place, has been arrested by detectives from the District Attorney's NYPD Detective Squad on a top charge of Grand Larceny in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree related to the defendant defrauding a 37-year-old Staten Island woman of \$156,877.00, the proceeds of the sale of her home.

District Attorney Donovan stated, "This defendant is alleged to have befriended the victim while he was a patron of her Caribbean restaurant and gained her trust beginning in November 2006. During their acquaintanceship the defendant claimed to be a practicing attorney and provided business cards identifying himself as an attorney. When this victim attempted to sell her Hillside Avenue home in February 2007, the defendant offered his services as an attorney. Unfortunately for this victim, Mr. Gregg was not an attorney, allegedly conducted a sale without her presence then failed to pay her remaining mortgage and never handed over the proceeds of the sale."

The District Attorney requests that anyone who may have been victimized by Renauld A. Gregg contact his office at 718-876-6300 or via e-mail at: [info@rcda.nyc.gov](mailto:info@rcda.nyc.gov).

Renauld A. Gregg was arrested Wednesday morning at his Wygant Place home and is expected to be arraigned Thursday afternoon in Staten Island Criminal Court. The top charge against the defendant, Grand Larceny in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class C felony, carries a top penalty of up to 15 years in prison.

The case against Renauld A. Gregg is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Curiale of the Investigations Bureau under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Mario F. Mattei, Bureau Chief. The investigation of the case was conducted by Det. John Juliano of the District Attorney's NYPD Detective Squad under the supervision of Lt. Frank DeBenedetto.

The public is reminded that the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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## **Charges Against Renauld Gregg**

- Grand Larceny in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Class C felony
- Unauthorized Practice of a Profession, Class E felony
- Resisting Arrest, Class A misdemeanor