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WOMAN ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF VANDALIZING STATEN ISLAND 9/11 MEMORIAL WITH PIPE, DAMAGES PROFILES OF VICTIMS

******Kathryn Cronin, 56, of Pennsylvania, Charged With Felony Criminal Mischief******

STATEN ISLAND, NY - Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. today announced that a York, Pennsylvania woman has been arrested on charges that she vandalized the Staten Island 9/11 Memorial, by striking profiles of at least two of the victims of the terrorist attacks with a metal pipe, causing cracks to the profiles and damages estimated at over \$1,500

According to District Attorney Donovan, the defendant, Kathryn Cronin (DOB: 2/11/1953) of 234 Baxter Street, York Pennsylvania, was spotted by witnesses striking the memorial with a metal pipe at approximately 8:30 AM on the morning of Monday, September 7, 2009. Following a 9-1-1 call from witnesses, NYPD officers assigned to the 120th Precinct responded to the scene and placed the defendant under arrest.

District Attorney Donovan stated, "While we have no reason to believe this incident is anything but the actions of one alleged vandal, the timing is certainly ironic as we begin a week where we pause to remember the thousands of our family, friends and heroes who perished on that tragic day 8 years ago. This is a crime against the memory of every victim depicted on that wall."

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Staten Island Criminal Court on a charge of Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree, a Class E felony, punishable by a maximum of 4 years in prison.

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

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