

## **SUMMARY**

### **“Dr. EZ Pass” Fraud Scheme**

On March 28, 2012, a joint investigation involving the Office of the MTA Inspector General, the Secret Service, the Inspector General for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District Attorney of New York, culminated in the arrest and federal charges against two alleged high-tech thieves for engaging in a \$6 million Internet-based credit card fraud scheme. As part of their scheme, the two defendants used stolen credit cards to purchase EZ Pass tags and credits, which they then resold. In total, they allegedly compromised more than 1400 credit and debit cards, attempting to charge more than \$6 million to these accounts.

The MTA Inspector General noted: “Combating fraud against the MTA and its customers is a top priority for our office, and we have worked closely with the MTA agencies to be alert to the red flags of criminal activity. Indeed, we congratulate the attentive and diligent employees of MTA Bridges and Tunnels and the EZPass call center who discovered this fraudulent scheme, identified the perpetrators, as alleged in the complaint, and promptly referred the matter to our office and the Secret Service.”

#### **Press**

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