

TV Story Leads to Conviction of Street Seller of Phony Transfers

(Dec. 28) A local TV news investigation proved the undoing recently of a woman convicted of a felony for selling counterfeit MTA transfers. Laura Santos was sentenced to 90 days in County Jail, fined \$200 and given three year's probation.

The LAPD's Transit Group Revenue Protection Detail had recognized Santos from the KTTV, Channel 11, story as a known street dealer in phony transfers.

Felony filing unusual

"The felony filing is unusual," said Cmdr. Garrett Zimmon of the LAPD Transit Group. "It was a felony due to the thorough investigation by the Revenue Protection detail. The officers really did a great job on this case."

During their investigation, undercover officers reported purchasing counterfeit transfers from her and watching as she used a punch to validate the transfers.

Following her arrest, Santos was booked for felony counterfeiting, forging or altering fare media. She has been prohibited by the court from possessing any form of MTA fare media that is not purchased legally. She also is subject to search at any time by police.

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