

Bus Operator Charged in Alleged Worker's Comp Fraud

(March 9) A Metro Bus operator was arraigned, Friday, on eight felony charges for allegedly defrauding the MTA on a stress-related worker's compensation claim. She also was charged with a misdemeanor for allegedly filing a false police report.

Rochelle Givens, 26, of Long Beach, was arrested and booked, March 7, by LAPD Transit Group detectives. She is charged with one felony count of grand theft and seven felony counts related to preparing and filing false insurance claims.

According to police reports, Givens claimed she had been robbed of her transfer tickets at gunpoint during a bus run on November 17, 2000. Police said a check of the bus videotape for that time period, however, showed no robbery had occurred.

Following the reported incident, Givens allegedly complained of stress. She filed a worker's compensation claim and was drawing benefits. Givens has just over two years' service with the MTA.

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