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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION - CRIMINAL

State Grand Jury

Number SGJ556-08-4

Superior Court

Docket Number

**08-07-00166-8**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY )

v. )

INDICTMENT

WANDA MOLINA )

The Grand Jurors of and for the State of New Jersey, upon their oaths, present that:

COUNT ONE

(Official Misconduct - Second Degree)

WANDA MOLINA

between on or about September 11, 2006 and on or about August 20, 2007, in the City of Jersey City, at the County of Hudson, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with purpose to obtain a benefit for herself or another, or to injure or deprive another of a benefit, valued at over \$200, did commit one or more acts relating to her office, but constituting an unauthorized exercise of her official functions, knowing that such act(s) was or were unauthorized or that she was committing such act(s) in an unauthorized manner, that is, the said WANDA MOLINA, then and there being a public servant, to wit: Chief Judge of the Municipal Court of Jersey City, thereby performing a governmental function, having thereby the official functions and

duties, among others; to disqualify herself and not preside over any matter in which she has an interest in the event of the action when there is any reason which might preclude a fair and unbiased hearing and judgment; to abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Code of Judicial Conduct; to perform her duties in a legal and proper manner; to display good faith, honesty and integrity; to be impervious to corrupting influences; or to conduct herself with undivided loyalty to her public trust and to refrain from activities which interfere with the public discharge of her duties which expose her to the temptation of acting in a manner other than in the best interest of the public; and the said duties being imposed by law and clearly inherent in the nature of her office, did knowingly preside over the adjudication of eight parking tickets as Municipal Court Judge of Jersey City, which tickets were known to WANDA MOLINA to have been issued to an individual whose name is known to the Grand Jurors, who was then known to and in whose welfare WANDA MOLINA then had a personal interest, with the purpose to secure a pecuniary benefit to WANDA MOLINA and/or the aforementioned individual of over \$200, and a non pecuniary benefit to WANDA MOLINA and/or the aforementioned individual, that is, of fostering and maintaining their close personal relationship, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:30-2, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of same.

COUNT TWO

(Official Misconduct - Second Degree)

WANDA MOLINA

between on or about October 30, 2006, and on or about April 2, 2007, in the City of Jersey City, at the County of Hudson, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with purpose to obtain a benefit for herself or another, or to injure or deprive another of a benefit, did commit acts relating to her office, but constituting an unauthorized exercise of her official functions, knowing that such acts were unauthorized; that is, the said WANDA MOLINA, then and there a public servant, to wit: the Chief Judge of Jersey City Municipal Court, having thereby the official functions and duties, among others, to perform her duties in a legal and proper manner; to display good faith, honesty and integrity; to be impervious to corrupting influences; to conduct herself with undivided loyalty to her public trust and to refrain from activities which interfere with the public discharge of her duties which expose her to the temptation of acting in a manner other than in the best interest of the public; or as a Judicial Officer and an Officer of the Court, to be truthful when creating official records and not falsify court documents; and the said duties being imposed by law and clearly inherent in the nature of her office, did knowingly, improperly, and without cause, dispose of three parking tickets/summons as

Municipal Court Judge of Jersey City by falsely writing the word "emergency" on each of the three parking tickets/summons and dismissing the said parking tickets/summons, which were known to WANDA MOLINA to have been issued to an individual whose name is known to the Grand Jurors, who was then known to and in whose welfare WANDA MOLINA then had a personal interest, with the purpose to secure a pecuniary benefit to WANDA MOLINA and/or the aforementioned individual of \$200 or less, and a non pecuniary benefit to WANDA MOLINA and/or the aforementioned individual, that is, of fostering and maintaining their close personal relationship, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:30-2, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of same.

COUNT THREE

(Pattern of Official Misconduct - Second Degree)

WANDA MOLINA

between on or about September 11, 2006 and on or about August 20, 2007, in the City of Jersey City, at the County of Hudson, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the offense of pattern of Official Misconduct in that she did commit two or more acts of Official Misconduct, each in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:30-2, that is, the said WANDA MOLINA, then and there being a public servant, to wit: the Chief Judge of Jersey City Municipal Court, did, on or between the dates herein specified, commit two or more acts relating to her office but constituting unauthorized exercises of her official functions, knowing that such acts were committed in an unauthorized manner, that is, the said WANDA MOLINA did knowingly commit the acts referenced in Counts one and/or two of this indictment, that is, preside over the adjudication of eight parking tickets and/or improperly dismiss three parking tickets as Municipal Court Judge of Jersey City, which tickets were known to WANDA MOLINA to have been issued to an individual whose name is known to the Grand Jurors, who was then known to and in whose welfare WANDA MOLINA then had a personal interest, with the purpose to secure a pecuniary benefit to WANDA MOLINA and/or the aforementioned individual of \$200 or less, and a non pecuniary benefit to WANDA

MOLINA and/or the aforementioned individual, that is, of fostering and maintaining their close personal relationship, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:30-7a, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT FOUR

(Tampering with Public Records or Information - Third Degree)

WANDA MOLINA,


between on or about October 30, 2006 and April 2, 2007, in the City of Jersey City, at the County of Hudson, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with the purpose to defraud or injure, did make a false entry in a record, document or thing belonging to, or received or kept by the government for information or record, or required by law to be kept by others for information of the government, that is the said WANDA MOLINA, knowing the same to be false, did knowingly on one or more occasions, make entries onto one or more parking summons, consisting of the word "emergency," and that said false entries were made with the purpose to defraud or injure the City of Jersey City, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-7a(1), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT FIVE


(Falsifying Records - Fourth Degree)

WANDA MOLINA,

between on or about October 30, 2006 and on or about April 2, 2007, in the City of Jersey City, at the County of Hudson, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with the purpose to deceive or injure another or to conceal any wrongdoing, did knowingly falsify a writing or record, knowing the same to be false, by making entries onto one or more parking summons, consisting of the word "emergency," and that said false entries were made contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4a and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

  
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Deborah Gramiccioni, A.A.G.  
Director  
Division of Criminal Justice

A TRUE BILL:

  
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Foreperson  
Dated: 7/17/08



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ORDER OF VENUE

An Indictment having been returned to this Court by the State Grand Jury in the above captioned matter,

IT IS ORDERED on this *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *July*, 2008, pursuant to paragraph 8 of the State Grand Jury Act, that the County of Bergen be and hereby is designated as the County of venue for the purpose of trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall transmit forthwith the Indictment in this matter and a certified copy of this Order to the Criminal Division Manager of the County of Bergen for filing.

*Linda R. Feinberg*  
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Linda R. Feinberg, A.J.S.C.  
**Maria Marinari Sypek, J.S.C.**