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Two Charged With Perjury Related to Alleged Overcharging of Clients

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COURT STREET — It took two Downtown Brooklyn bail bondsmen three days to bail themselves out of jail, but on Sunday, the two men were released after posting a \$20,000 bond.

Kisha Dunkley, 35, and his employee Andrew O. Wright, 28, were taken into custody last week and charged with perjury related to the alleged overcharging of bail-bond clients. They are both awaiting a pretrial date in Brooklyn Criminal Court set for Thursday.

The defendants operate a bail bonding company called Dan Dunn Bail Bonds, or Aable Bail Bonds, located at 26 Court St., Suite 611, in Downtown Brooklyn.

The two are each charged with nine felonies and six misdemeanors for allegedly falsifying paperwork and lying

Kisha Dunkley
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in court in order to overcharge clients.

Charges against Wright and Dunkley include perjury in the first degree, falsifying business records in the first degree, and offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree. They face up to a possible seven years in prison if convicted.

Dunkley and Wright were arrested Thursday and arraigned Friday, when both bail and bond were set at \$20,000. According to the city Department of Correction, both were released from custody on Sunday.

On Friday, Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes announced the arrests, which he said was a result of an investigation into complaints the company had overcharged clients. The fees bail bondsmen can charge are regulated by state law.

In an effort to expose the alleged fraud, investigators from the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office created two fictitious cases, with two fictitious defendants, each charged with robbery in the first degree, and had their names entered into the Correction Department and New York State Unified Court System computer databases. The computers listed \$10,000 as their bail.

Detective investigators from the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office then posed as relatives of the defendants and contacted Aable Bail Bonds about posting bail.

- In the case of the first fake robbery case, Dunkley and Wright are charged with telling detective investigators that they would only have to provide a \$1,500 deposit to bail out their relative, even though it would have been standard practice to require a \$3,000 deposit on a \$10,000 bail bond.

The maximum fee, however, that bail bondsmen are allowed to charge on a \$10,000 bail is \$860, and the defendants are accused of charging \$1,360 in the first case.

- In the case of the second fake robbery case, the defendants are charged with allegedly requiring a \$1,400 deposit and demanding a fee of \$1,160.

In both cases, the defendants are charged with writing on sworn affidavits and testifying at court bail hearings, under oath, that they received \$3,000 deposits and charged fees of \$860. The first case was called in Brooklyn Supreme Court on Aug. 26, and the second case on Sept. 14.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Moehle and Rackets Division Bureau Chief Jeffrey Ferguson. Michael Vecchione is Chief of the Rackets Division.

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