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**District Attorney's Insurance Fraud Unit  
Charges Philadelphia Police Officer with  
19 counts of Insurance Fraud and Tampering with Public Records**

Philadelphia Police Officer Deshane Riggins, age 28, badge number 3290, was arrested today and charged with 19 counts of Insurance Fraud (F3), 19 counts of Tampering with Public Records (F3) and Criminal Conspiracy (F3). The charges stem from his involvement in numerous fraudulent insurance claims. On nineteen separate occasions, Officer Riggins prepared fictitious accident reports which were then used by others in pursuit of fraudulent insurance claims. In each case, it is alleged that Officer Riggins knew that the subsequent insurance claim was a hoax and that his police report pertaining to the purported accident was false. The investigation is ongoing. No further details will be provided at this time.

Officer Riggins was previously assigned to the 14<sup>th</sup> District. He has been assigned to desk duty since July 2007 pending the outcome of the District Attorney's investigation.

*Felonies of the third degree (F3) are punishable by a maximum of seven (7) years in prison for each count and fine not to exceed \$15,000 each count.*