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Transit and Housing Officers Charged With Sex Offenses

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As the New York City Police Department continued to reel from accusations of police brutality, two officers were charged with sex offenses yesterday.

In one case, a transit officer in Brooklyn was charged with threatening and then sodomizing his female partner in a vacant subway crew-room after she rebuffed his advances. Separately, a Queens housing officer was arrested and charged with having sex over a two-year period with an underage girl.

In the first incident, Randy Thomas, a 27-year-old transit officer assigned to the 32d District, was charged with sodomy and attempted sodomy in the alleged attack on his partner in the Van Sicten Avenue Subway Station in Brooklyn, said Deputy Inspector Michael Collins, a Police Department spokesman.

According to statements taken from the accuser, she and Officer Thomas were taking their lunch break around 4 A.M. Wednesday in the station's break room when Officer Thomas propositioned her. When she said no, he pushed her down and sodomized her, the police said.

Prosecutors and investigators said that the woman, who weighs less than 100 pounds, said that she was unable to break free of Officer Thomas's grasp due to his sheer size. Officer Thomas is described as being more than six feet tall and weighing 280 pounds. According to investigators, Mr. Thomas fell asleep after the attack. The woman reported the incident to her sergeant after she attempted to leave duty early, investigators said.

When confronted with the accusations, Officer Thomas told his superiors that the act was consensual, the investigators said. But he refused to make a statement to that effect when prosecutors questioned him, so charges were filed and he was arrested around 6 P.M. yesterday.

The woman was not Mr. Thomas's regular partner and was only filling in for the night, investigators said, adding that it appeared that they had met at the Police Academy. Officer Thomas has been with the department for four years, Inspector Collins said.

In the second incident, Inspector Collins said that Harry Velasquez, 27, a Queens housing officer, was arrested and charged with rape, sodomy and endangering the welfare of a child after reportedly having a two-year affair with an under-age girl who lived near his house. The girl, 12 when the affair began, recently told her mother that she was having sex with the officer, the police said.

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