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Sheriff's Office Arrests Man for I.D. Fraud

SOMERVILLE – Somerset County Sheriff Frank Provenzano recently announced the arrest of 46-year-old Carlos A. Henao of Highland Park on charges of using false identification when renewing his driver's license.

In July, Henao entered the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's Somerville Office and attempted to renew his driver's license in the name of Carlos A. Henao. At that time, he presented several identifying documents to an MVC employee, including a bank check card, Social Security card and New Jersey driver's license, all of which identified him as Carlos A. Henao, according to the Sheriff.

However, after the MVC employee checked the Social Security card, she noticed that it was missing certain security features. The employee notified a member of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office, which provides security at the facility, who in turn began to investigate Henao about his documents.

Meanwhile, detectives from the Sheriff's Office were summoned to investigate the matter further. When the detectives arrived, they reviewed the Social Security card that Henao presented and it was confirmed that the card did not contain the security features found on a true and accurate Social Security card. Henao was arrested and transported to the Sheriff's Office.

At the Sheriff's Office, the detectives questioned Henao about his legal status in this country. Henao said he came from Colombia 25 years ago with his father and received a Social Security card from the Plainfield Social Security Office. Henao told the detectives that he was in this country legally but did not carry his resident-alien card because his driver's license usually sufficed when conducting business.

However, after the detectives ran the given name and information through the Bureau of Immigration and Customs, as well as the Social Security Administration, it became evident that Henao was not a resident alien and had not been issued a Social Security number, the Sheriff reported. Henao was lodged at the Somerset County Jail in lieu of bail, set at \$35,000.

"Henao's efforts to renew his driver's license got him more than he anticipated," Provenzano said. "Thanks to the attentiveness of the MVC and my officers, thwarting fraud is one of the many services we successfully provide to our community."

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