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Ground-zero nut indicted

A Manhattan grand jury has indicted a New Jersey woman accused of sending rescue workers into a dangerous scramble by claiming she was getting cell-phone calls from her cop husband in the rubble.

Sugeil Mejia, 24, faces up to seven years in prison if convicted on felony charges of first-degree reckless endangerment.

Two days after the collapse, Mejia frantically approached officials and told them she was getting cell phone calls from her "husband," a Port Authority cop trapped in the World Trade Center with 10 other officers, said Manhattan DA Robert Morgenthau.

Rescuers began searching despite the danger of a further rubble collapse. But within minutes, the woman disappeared. Her account was ruled a hoax after none of the names and badge numbers she gave matched up.

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