

- September 29, 2009 Man Accused of Running Adoption Scam A man from Long Island is accused of running an adoption scam that cheated prospective parents out of thousands of dollars by falsely promising them babies that didn't exist. Kevin Cohen, 41, was arrested at his home Friday in Roslyn by DA Investigators. He has been charged with grand larceny in the second degree, scheme to defraud in the first degree and criminal possession of a forged instrument, according to the Nassau County District Attorney's Office. If convicted he faces up to 15 years behind bars For over a period of two years, Cohen is accused of advertising himself as a legal expert specializing in adoption proceedings. He allegedly obtained large sums of cash from couples in exchange for arranging adoptions. Despite being arrested in 2009 on charges of grand larceny, forgery and identity theft charges, Cohen is accused of continuing to search for people looking to adopt. One couple - identified as Deborah and Milton Josephs of Port Washington - apparently shelled out \$65,000 in hopes of adopting a child. The District Attorney's Office is asking anyone who believes they may have been a victim in the scam to contact officials at: 516-680-8624. News source - WPIX NEWSROOM