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NYS Department of Health Employee Pleads Guilty to Falsely Reporting Income to Obtain Medicaid Benefits



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that AHMAD HUSSAIN, 29, of Colonie, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

Between November 1, 2010 and November 1, 2012, the defendant obtained \$23,624.31 in Medicaid benefits from the Albany County Department of Social Services that he was not entitled to receive. The defendant, although a full-time employee at the New York State Department of Health, concealed his employment and income on multiple occasions to recertify his eligibility for the Medicaid benefits.

An investigation conducted by the Albany County Sheriff's Office and the Albany County Department of Social Services led to this defendant's arrest on June 20, 2013.

HUSSAIN faces 5 years of Felony Probation and must perform 300 hours of community service within six months when sentenced on January 30, 2014.

HUSSAIN must also pay restitution in the amount of \$23,624.31 back to the Albany County Department of Social Services prior to the sentencing date. The defendant paid approximately \$21,000 of the restitution this morning.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Clark of the Financial Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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