

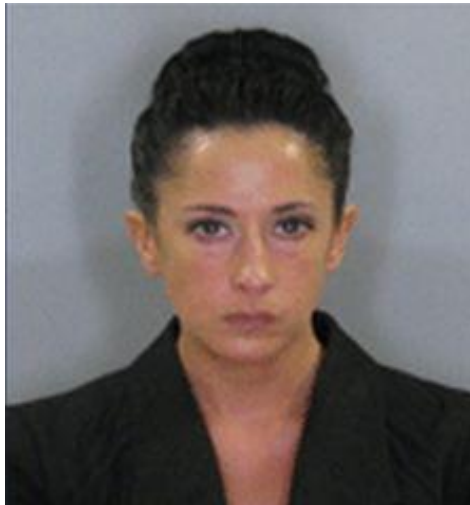


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Up to 9 Years in State Prison for Embezzling Over \$80,000

*Defendant Offered Victims \$10,000 to Withhold Information from the Albany County
District Attorney's Office*



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today HILLARY DOWNEY, 35, of Clifton Park, was sentenced to 3 to 9 years in State Prison, in addition to a concurrent 2 to 6 year term of incarceration, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On March 20, 2014, DOWNEY pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, and (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony.

In the summer of 2013, the defendant worked for Children's Place at the Plaza, a non-profit daycare in the City of Albany. The defendant falsified four checks and cashed them, totaling \$1,480. Additionally, the defendant stole \$9,567.80 in cash from that business by creating falsified receipts that would never be properly filed. The total amount stolen by the defendant totaled \$11,047.80. The defendant was subsequently fired from her position.

However, an investigation by the Bethlehem Police Department uncovered that between October 2013 and February 2014 the defendant, who was hired as a payroll account manager for Secure Solutions LLC, embezzled over \$72, 273.94 into her own personal account by falsifying business and payroll records.

In addition, when the defendant was confronted by these allegations by her company she offered them \$10,000 not to report her crime to the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

The defendant must also pay restitution in the amount of \$72,273.94 to Secure Solutions LLC and \$11,047.80 to Children's Place at the Plaza, for a total of \$83,321.74.

This case was prosecuted by Financial Crimes Bureau Chief Daniel Lynch.

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