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Felony Conviction for Selkirk Fire Department Treasurer



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HEATHER BURNS, 39, of Selkirk, was sentenced to a term of 5 years of Felony Probation before the Honorable

Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning. BURNS was also ordered to pay full restitution to the Selkirk Fire Department in the amount of \$18,644.88.

On May 8, 2014, BURNS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree, a Class D Felony.

An internal audit of the fire department's accounts did reveal that between the dates of July 14, 2012 and October 2, 2013, BURNS, while acting as treasurer, did steal over \$18,000 from the Selkirk Fire Department. BURNS did withdraw money, transfer funds, and write checks from the bank account of the fire department for her own personal use. In her role as treasurer BURNS did not have authorization to use department funds for any personal use.

Assistant District Attorney Daniel Lynch, Bureau Chief of the Financial Crimes Unit, prosecuted this case.

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