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Guilty Plea in Contact Lens Fraud Case



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that KATHLEEN LITCHFIELD, 42, of Cohoes, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Tax Fraud in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday morning.

Over a period of years between 2013 and 2016, LITCHFIELD was employed at DiNapoli Opticians in the Town of Colonie, where she stole in excess of \$225,000 dollars' worth of contact lenses and sold them to profit herself. LITCHFIELD did not declare this excess income on her tax filings for the years that she benefitted from the scheme. An investigation conducted by the New York State Police Financial Crimes Unit and the Colonie Police Department led to LITCHFIELD's arrest and prosecution.

LITCHFIELD faces up to 1 to 3 years in State Prison when sentenced on April 5, 2018. She will also be ordered to pay restitution to the vision center in addition to repay any owed taxes.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Mastaitis of the Financial Crimes Unit is prosecuting this case.

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