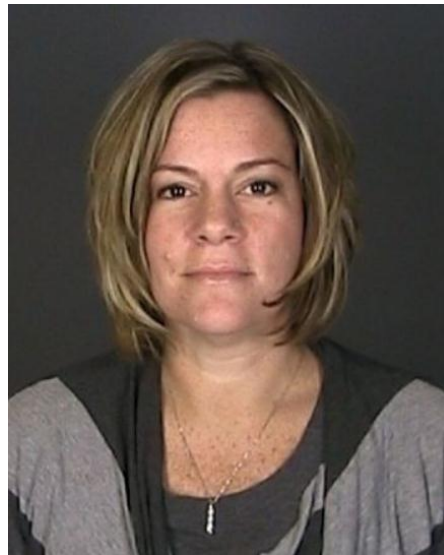




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Jail Time and Felony Probation for Ex-Treasurer of Guilderland Teacher's Association



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **BRENDA MCCLAINE**, 39, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

Between August 13, 2012 and October 28, 2013, MCCLAINE stole \$100,382.50 from the Guilderland Teacher's Association. At the time MCCLAINE was a treasurer for the agency, and

she did not have permission or authority to take this money. MCCLAINE forged the Association president's name on checks and also collected dues from members of the Association before she illegally deposited them in to her own personal bank account.

MCCLAINE faces 6 months in jail, in addition to a term of 5 years of Felony Probation, when sentenced on October 28, 2014. At the time of the guilty plea today MCCLAINE had already paid back full restitution to the Association.

“During a prosecution it is a goal of our office to make a victim whole, while also ensuring an offender is held accountable. We have achieved both of those goals today, as a defendant paid back the harmed party in full, but also accepted the criminal responsibility for her actions. This defendant now faces the repercussions of a felony conviction, jail time, and long term monitoring by the Probation Department for her actions,” commented DA David Soares.

Financial Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Daniel Lynch prosecuted this case.

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