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STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR CHARGED WITH REPEATEDLY USING WORK VEHICLE FOR PERSONAL ERRANDS DURING BUSINESS HOURS

ALBANY – New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott today announced the arrest of a State Department of Transportation (DOT) employee on charges he routinely and repeatedly used a State-owned vehicle for personal errands during work hours and stole nearly \$3,400 in salary and vehicle use benefits to which he was not entitled.

Alfred Weber, 63, of Albany, a DOT Bridge Repair Supervisor II, was charged today with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, Defrauding the Government, and Offering and False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, felonies, and Official Misconduct, a misdemeanor.

An investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott found that between December 2015 and August 2016, Weber repeatedly used a State-owned vehicle during business hours to perform personal errands when he was supposed to be using it for job-related activities. The charges allege Weber, whose responsibilities include using a State vehicle to supervise DOT highway maintenance workers throughout parts of the Capital Region, often took the vehicle elsewhere on personal errands for hours at a time while on duty. He is accused of stealing more than \$700 in mileage costs for putting more than 1,200 miles on the State vehicle while using it for purely personal purposes, and stealing more than \$2,600 in salary he was paid during that personal usage.

“This defendant’s alleged abuse of State time and resources and shunning of his employment responsibilities was a blatant violation of the public trust,” said **Inspector General Leahy Scott**. “I will continue to use my powers to investigate and help end any such abuses to protect the integrity of the public workforce.”

Weber was arraigned on the charges in the Rensselaer City Court and released pending his reappearance on January 4, 2018 in East Greenbush Town Court.

The Inspector General thanked the DOT for their assistance with the investigation, the New York State Police for their assistance with the arrest, and the Rensselaer County District Attorney’s office for prosecuting this matter.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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