



# NEWS RELEASE

From New York State Inspector General  
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## **CENTRAL NEW YORK PSYCHIATRIST PLEADS GUILTY, PAYS RESTITUTION AND IS FORCED TO LEAVE STATE SERVICE FOR FALSIFYING PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS AND HIS OWN TIME SHEETS**

New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott announced that a State psychiatrist, who falsified and submitted his own time and attendance records as well as inmate medical records claiming he evaluated and treated inmate patients when he in fact did not, has pleaded guilty, paid restitution and was forced to leave State service.

Morales D. Brown, 59, of Deerfield, who worked for the New York State Office of Mental Health at its Central New York Psychiatric Center, pleaded guilty to Criminal Trespass, paid \$5,486.86 restitution to New York State and was forced to leave State service as part of his plea agreement. Brown was also ordered to serve 25 hours of community service.

The Inspector General is also referring this matter to the New York State Office of Professional Medical Conduct to determine Brown's fitness as a licensed physician.

"This medical practitioner violated the public trust and violated his oath to uphold the highest ethical standards in the practice of medicine," said Inspector General Leahy Scott. "I will continue to use my position to hold all public employees to the highest standards of integrity."

Between August and September 2016, while employed as a psychiatrist for the New York State Office of Mental Health, Brown falsified three medical records known as "Psychiatric Progress Notes" after falsely claiming to have attended to inmate patients at the facility. Additionally, between January and September 2016, Brown submitted false time and attendance records for time that he did not work.

Brown pleaded guilty and was sentenced in Marcy Town Court.

Inspector General Leahy Scott thanked the New York State Police for effectuating the arrest, the Office of Mental Health and the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision for their assistance in the investigation, and Oneida County District Attorney Scott McNamara and his office for prosecuting this matter.

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