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From New York State Inspector General  
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## STATE AGENCY ATTORNEY CHARGED WITH FALSIFIED ATTENDANCE RECORDS AND THEFT OF NEARLY \$12,700 IN UNEARNED SALARY

ALBANY – New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott today announced the arrest of an attorney employed by New York State on charges she repeatedly filed false time and attendance records and stole nearly \$12,700 in pay to which she was not entitled.

Laura Cail, 48, of Troy, was charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and 36 counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, felonies.

An investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott found that between June 2015 and October 2016, while serving as a Senior Attorney for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), Cail repeatedly filed electronic time records indicating she was present at work on days when in fact she was either not at work or arrived well past her scheduled arrival time. Of the 39 pay periods during that time frame, Cail was alleged to have falsified attendance records for 36 of them. Cail is charged with the theft of \$12,668 in pay for time she was not at work.

“This defendant flouted her commitment to State taxpayers and the public she was hired to serve, allegedly treating her employment as a ‘come as you please’ job,” said **Inspector General Leahy Scott**. “Her alleged actions undermine the integrity of the vast majority of the State workforce, and I remain fully committed to vigorously pursuing any government employee who violates the public trust.”

Cail, who is currently employed as a Senior Attorney at the State Workers’ Compensation Board, was arraigned Tuesday in the City of Rensselaer Court and released pending a court reappearance date of Jan. 17, 2018.

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

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