



# NEWS RELEASE

From New York State Workers' Compensation Fraud Inspector General  
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## **ROCHESTER MAN CHARGED WITH WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD FOR CASHING HIS DECEASED MOTHER'S BENEFIT CHECKS**

ROCHESTER – New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott today announced the arrest of a City of Rochester man on charges he defrauded the Workers' Compensation system by cashing nearly \$4,000 worth of benefits checks meant for his mother who had passed away months earlier.

Curtis Lee Wilson, 56, of Norton Street, Rochester was arraigned today in Rochester City Court on charges of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and six counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, all felonies.

An investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott found that Wilson cashed six Workers' Compensation benefit checks mailed to his mother totaling nearly \$4,000, after she passed away in October 2015. Workers' Compensation benefits cease upon the death of a recipient, but Wilson repeatedly cashed checks meant for his mother through February 2016.

In total, Wilson defrauded the Workers' Compensation system by stealing \$3,914.52 in benefits to which he was not entitled.

“This morbid fraud and abuse of a deceased individual's finances enriched the defendant with cash benefits to which he was not entitled,” said Inspector General Leahy Scott. “I will continue to use my office to protect benefits meant to assist honest, hard-working New Yorkers.”

Wilson was arraigned on the charges today in Rochester City court and released on his own recognizance pending his reappearance in court on May 29, 2018.

Inspector General Leahy Scott thanked Rochester Regional Health and PMA Management Corporation, for their assistance with the investigation, the New York State Police for their assistance with the arrest, and Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and her office for prosecuting this matter.

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

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