



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF TWO STATE WORKERS ON CHARGES OF STEALING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN TIME FROM STATE**

New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott announced the arrest of two former temporary state workers on charges they falsified time sheets that were submitted to their employment agencies. The combined length of time allegedly stolen was in excess of \$4,000 in pay to which they were not entitled.

“Those who are employed by the State of New York regardless of their status as full time employees, contractors, or temporary employees all need to understand that their conduct must be lawful and ethical beyond reproach,” said Inspector General Scott. “All those providing services to the State are required by affirmation to swear to the truth and veracity of their time records. Those who submit false time and attendance records in an attempt to obtain wages for hours never worked will be held fully accountable for their actions.”

Alfred Cusick, 37, of Troy was charged with 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Grand Larceny, a Class D Felony, and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Falsifying Business Records, a Class E Felony for submitting falsified time sheets to his employer, Kelly Services, Inc. The time sheets indicated he was at work when in fact he was not. Cusick charged with stealing in excess of \$3,000 in wages between June and December 2012.

Jeffrey Manor, 34, of Albany was charged with 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Grand Larceny, a Class E Felony, and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Falsifying Business Records, a Class E Felony for submitting falsified time sheets to his employer, Accustaff. The time sheets indicated he was at work when in fact he was not. Manor is charged with stealing in excess of \$1,000 between February and October 2013.

Through the employment agencies, Cusick and Manor provided clerical services to the New York State Department of Health (DOH). When DOH discovered the time and attendance record discrepancies, the agency referred the matter to Inspector General Scott. State agencies at times rely on temporary employment agencies to meet workload demands.

Inspector General Scott thanked DOH officials for their assistance in the investigation, and New York State Police for their assistance with the arrest of the defendants.

Cusick was arraigned before the Hon. Lisa Anne Proskin of Menands Village Justice Court and is scheduled to return to court August 12. Manor was arraigned before the Hon. Rachel Kretser of Albany City Court and is scheduled to return to court August 28.

The defendants are deemed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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