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## **INSPECTOR GENERAL: DEC WORKER ARRESTED ON CHARGES HE USED TAXPAYER MONEY TO FUEL HIS PERSONAL VEHICLE Delaware County Man's Case Referred to DA**

Acting Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott today announced the arrest of a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) supervisor on charges he used an agency credit card to gas up his personal pickup truck. The employee is also alleged to have falsified odometer mileage in the course of making the purchases.

"Stealing from the taxpayers is unconscionable," said Inspector General Scott. "And for a public employee to fill up his own tank at taxpayers' expense while working New Yorkers are paying for their own gasoline is deplorable."

Inspector General Scott's investigation found that John Doroski – responsible for supervising maintenance employees – allegedly made use of two DEC credit cards, designated for fueling agency vehicles or paying gas and travel costs for DEC employees, for his own personal use. In the course of the investigation, Doroski was caught on videotape six times using the cards to fill his own vehicle or gasoline storage cans. He is accused of filing falsified mileage records of state vehicles while purchasing the fuel, claiming the fuel was used for a state vehicle for official state business.

He is charged with four felony counts for filing a false instrument when he input false odometer mileage while purchasing the fuel at computerized fuel pumps, four misdemeanor counts of petit larceny for stealing \$435.09 in gasoline between August 2011 and September 2011, and four misdemeanor counts of official misconduct. Doroski faces up to four years in prison for each felony count.

Doroski, 51, of Hobart, is a field maintenance supervisor who makes \$47,324 annually. He is on administrative leave pending resolution of this matter.

Doroski was arraigned today in Delhi Town Justice Court before the Hon. Richard L. Gumo. He is to return November 20 for further proceedings.

Acting Inspector General Scott thanked the New York State Police for their assistance in the case and Delaware County District Attorney Richard D. Northrup, Jr. for the prosecution of this matter. The defendant is innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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