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DIRECT CARE WORKER FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED DEFRAUDED STATE OF NEARLY \$40,000 FOR WORK NOT PERFORMED

ALBANY – New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott today announced the arrest of a former substitute direct care worker for the State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (“OPWDD”) for submitting fraudulent pay vouchers and receiving nearly \$40,000 in compensation for most of a year in which he never actually worked for the State.

Timothy B. Green, 26, of South New Berlin, was charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, Forgery in the First Degree, and Falsifying Business Records in the Second Degree, all felonies. The investigation and arrest were handled in conjunction with Chenango County District Attorney Joseph McBride, who is prosecuting the case.

The investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott found Green had been employed as a substitute direct care worker at the OPWDD Valley Ridge Center for Intensive Treatment in Norwich starting in November 2013. As a substitute, Green worked on an “as needed” basis to cover shifts left vacant by regular staff and would submit payment vouchers, which required a supervisor’s signature verifying hours worked, to the OPWDD payroll offices in Binghamton.

The Inspector General’s investigation determined that Green worked no shifts subsequent to January 2015 but continued to submit 36 fraudulent vouchers as if he had worked shifts through September 2015. Those vouchers, with allegedly forged signatures from his supervisor, resulted in his being paid \$39,096.72 for shifts never worked. After his submitted vouchers were called into question this fall, payments were stopped, and the investigation was underway, Green repeatedly called OPWDD payroll offices to inquire into the status of payments he had not yet received.

“This defendant perpetuated this fraudulent scheme for nearly one year by continually and repeatedly submitting forged vouchers for work he never performed. Additionally, the defendant audaciously called his former payroll administrators demanding payment once the payments to him ceased,” said Inspector General Leahy Scott. “He violated the public trust and will now have to answer for it in a court of law.”

Green was arraigned on the charges before Guilford Town Justice David P. Daniels and remanded to the Chenango County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 cash or \$100,000 bond bail. He is due to reappear in court for a hearing on the charges Friday.

Inspector General Leahy Scott thanked the New York State Police for assisting in the arrest and thanked Chenango County District Attorney Joseph McBride and his office for prosecuting the criminal case.

The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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