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From New York State Inspector General
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STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN USED STATE ISSUED CREDIT CARDS TO BUY FUEL AND GROCERIES FOR HIS PERSONAL USE

ALBANY - New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy-Scott announced the arrest of a former State Department of Transportation (“DOT”) mechanic who used State-issued credit cards to buy more than \$3,000 in gasoline and groceries for his own personal use.

Jonathan Kalinowski, 40, of Saratoga Avenue, Waterford, a former motor equipment mechanic for the DOT, was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, all felonies, and Official Misconduct, a misdemeanor.

An investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott found that between July 2013 and March 2016, Kalinowski repeatedly used numerous State-issued credit cards to pay for gasoline, groceries and household items for his own personal use. He subsequently resigned his position at DOT.

“This former State employee repeatedly used taxpayer resources to corruptly enrich himself,” said Inspector General Leahy Scott, “I will diligently pursue anyone who steals government resources and violates the public trust.”

Kalinowski was arraigned in Town of Halfmoon Court and sent to the Saratoga County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 cash or \$5,000 bond bail pending further court action.

Inspector General Leahy-Scott thanked the DOT for its assistance with the investigation, the State Police for the assistance with the arrest and Saratoga County District Attorney Karen A. Heggen and her office for prosecuting this matter.

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

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