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STATE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MANAGER CHARGED WITH UNAUTHORIZED COMPUTER ACCESS TO CHECK LICENSE STATUS

ALBANY – New York State Inspector General Letizia Tagliafierro today announced the arrest of a State Department of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) supervisor on a charge she improperly accessed DMV computer records to improperly check information regarding individuals she personally knew.

Stephanie Coleman, 49, of Exchange Street, Albany, a Supervising Motor Vehicle Representative 1 at DMV, was arrested today on the charge of Unauthorized Use of a Computer, a misdemeanor.

The charge alleges Coleman, in June of 2018, accessed the State DMV computerized licensing system to access information she was not authorized to obtain.

Inspector General Tagliafierro said, “This defendant utilized her authority to illegally access confidential records. The integrity of State computer systems and the critical information they hold must be safeguarded and my office will pursue anyone who improperly accesses them.”

An investigation by the Offices of the Inspector General found that Coleman repeatedly in 2018 accessed, without any official business purpose, license information about people she knew personally. Such use is prohibited under DMV policy.

Coleman was issued an appearance ticket for April 4 in Albany City Court.

Inspector General Tagliafierro thanked the DMV for their assistance with the investigation, the New York State Police for their assistance with the arrest, and Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares and his office for prosecuting the case.

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

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