



NEWS RELEASE

Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes
Passaic County Prosecutor's Office
401 Grand Street
Paterson, NJ 07505
(973) 881-4800

PASSAIC COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ARRESTED IN FRAUD SCHEME

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

OCTOBER 5, 2010

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces that on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 members of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Public Integrity Unit, along with members of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, Special Investigations Division, arrested an eighteen year veteran civilian clerk employed by the Passaic County Sheriff's Department.

The joint investigation revealed that Valerie A. Jacalone was elected the president of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department Clerical Association in July of 2008. As president, she was responsible for paying the expenses of the association and thus, had sole control over the bank account maintained by the association. Her term of office was for two years. In July of 2010, the newly elected president of the association conducted an audit of the association bank account. The audit revealed many personal expenses of Valerie A. Jacalone were paid with the funds of the association.

The investigation revealed that Valerie A. Jacalone allegedly stole \$23,581.05 over the course of her two year presidency.

Valerie A. Jacalone, age 53, of Passaic, New Jersey, is charged with theft by deception, a crime of the third degree. Her bail has been set at \$35,000.00 no 10% option through the Woodland Park Municipal Court.

Any questions should be directed to Senior Assistant Prosecutor Paul A. Di Lella. He can be reached at 973-837-7683 or 862-849-6033 or Pdilella@passaiccountynj.org.

It should be noted that the charge against Valerie A. Jacalone is merely an allegation and that she is presumed innocent of the charge until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.