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PASSAIC COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY IN FRAUD SCHEME

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces that on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, Valerie A. Jacalone, age 53, of Passaic, New Jersey, plead guilty to one count of theft by deception, a crime of the third degree. The eighteen year veteran civilian clerk employed by the Passaic County Sheriff's Department admitted before the Honorable Raymond A. Reddin that over the course of two years, she stole in excess of \$23,000 from the Passaic County Sheriff's Department Clerical Association.

The joint investigation conducted by members of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Public Integrity Unit, along with members of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, Special Investigations Division, 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 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 misappropriated \$23,581.05 over the course of her two year presidency.

Valerie A. Jacalone will face a term of probation with 364 days in the Passaic County Jail as a condition thereof when she is sentenced on April 15, 2011. In addition, she will be required to pay full restitution to the Association. Lastly, as a result of her plea, she has permanently forfeited her position with the Sheriff's Department and can never again seek public employment.

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