

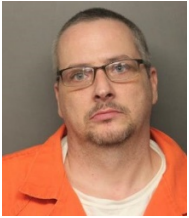
FRAUD TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL ARRESTS

Thursday, March 21, 2019

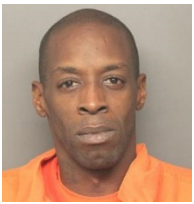
Liberty, NY – The Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has made the following arrests:



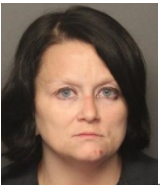
Kala Jackson, 33, of Liberty was arrested and charged with the Class A Misdemeanor of Misuse of Food Stamps. It is alleged that Jackson used an EBT card at Walmart that did not belong to her. Jackson was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Thompson Court at a later date.



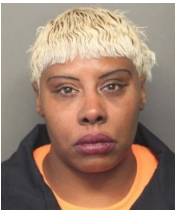
Michael N. Taurino, 42, of Fallsburg was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing 1st and the Class A Misdemeanor of Theft of Service. It is alleged that Taurino stole \$206.68 in public-funded transportation by using Medicaid medical transportation for non-medical purposes. Taurino was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and remanded to Sullivan County Jail without bail.



Chaz M. Fitch, 41, of Yonkers was arrested on an outstanding Sullivan County Family Court Warrant for failing to pay in excess of \$5,528 in owed child support. Fitch was remanded to Sullivan County Jail to serve six months.



Jessica T. Ellis, 31, of Ferndale was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing 1st and the Class A Misdemeanor of Theft of Service. It is alleged that Ellis stole \$228.77 in public-funded transportation by using Medicaid medical transportation for non-medical purposes. Ellis was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and remanded back to Sullivan County Jail where she is currently incarcerated on other charges.



Gail Moore, 43, of Livingston Manor was arrested and charged with the Class D Felony of Grand Larceny 3rd, the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing 1st, and the Class A Misdemeanor of Theft of Service. A joint investigation between Sullivan County Probation and the Welfare Fraud Task Force resulted in the allegation that Moore stole \$3,825.46 in public-funded transportation by using Medicaid medical transportation to visit her son at the Sullivan County Jail and attend her probation appointments at Sullivan County Probation. Moore was arraigned in Sullivan County Court and remanded to Sullivan County Jail without bail.

FRAUD TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES ARREST

Wednesday, April 03, 2019



Sheriff's Sgt. Paul Slavik and District Attorney's Investigator Jeff Bowie with fugitive Joanne Mack under arrest

Liberty, NY – On Monday, April 1, the Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force arrested Joanne C. Mack, 41, as a fugitive from justice. Mack is wanted under the alias of Joanne Price in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania for violation of probation, on an original charge of Theft by Deception – False Impression. Mack is also wanted by Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Police for Fraud.

The Delaware County, NY Fraud Task Force developed information that Mack might be hiding out in Sullivan County and receiving benefits. Delaware County notified Sullivan County investigators, who tracked Mack to the Super 8 Motel in Monticello, where she had been placed by the Department of Family Services. She was spotted Monday afternoon getting into a cab in Monticello and was taken into custody.

Investigators say that Mack, who uses over 25 different aliases, 8 different Social Security numbers and 7 different dates of birth, had been at the Super 8 Motel since February 21, 2019, at a cost to taxpayers of \$1,228.55.

Mack was arraigned before acting Monticello Village Judge Leo Glass and sent to the Sullivan County Jail pending extradition to Pennsylvania.



SULLIVAN COUNTY WELFARE FRAUD TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES ARRESTS

Friday, May 10, 2019

Liberty, NY – The Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has made the following arrests:



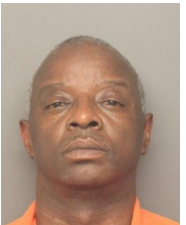
March 21, 2019 – **Kimberly S. Hardenburgh**, 37, of Narrowsburg was arrested and charged with the Class D Felony of Grand Larceny in the 3rd degree. It is alleged that Hardenburgh stole \$5,565.12 in public-funded transportation by using Medicaid medical transportation for non-medical purposes. Hardenburgh was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and remanded to Sullivan County Jail on \$5,000 bail.



March 29, 2019 – **Shiloh J. Utter**, 34, of Bloomingburg was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Grand Larceny in the 4th degree and Class A Misdemeanor of Misuse of Food Stamps. It is alleged that Utter stole \$493.83 in food stamp benefits that she was not eligible for or entitled to by using a NYS EBT card that did not belong to her. Utter was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



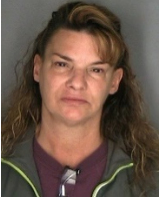
April 1, 2019 – **Samuel L. Horace**, 50, of Monticello was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Grand Larceny in the 4th degree. It is alleged that Horace stole \$1,584.60 in public-funded transportation by using Medicaid medical transportation for non-medical purposes. Horace was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



April 11, 2019 - **David A. McCollum**, 55, of Liberty was arrested and charged with the Class E felony of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree and Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree. It is alleged that McCollum stole \$1,397.28 in public-funded transportation by using Medicaid medical transportation as transportation to attend his New York State parole meetings. McCollum was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and remanded to Sullivan County Jail without bail.



April 19, 2019 - **Alan J. Yeneic** of Parksville was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree and Class A Misdemeanor of Theft of Services. A joint investigation between Sullivan County Probation and the Welfare Fraud Task Force resulted in the allegation that Yeneic stole \$678.20 in public-funded transportation by using Medicaid medical transportation to attend his Sullivan County Probation meetings. Yeneic was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



April 26, 2019 - **Jane E. Fredericks** of Lumberland was arrested and charged with the Class E felonies of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, and Welfare Fraud in the 1st Degree. It is alleged that Fredericks stole \$1,854 in SNAP benefits and \$701 in HEAP benefits by failing to disclose household income. Fredericks was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



FRAUD TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES ARRESTS

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Liberty, NY – The Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has made the following arrests:

May 29, 2019 – **Ricky A. Williams**, 48, of Callicoon was arrested on an outstanding warrant for violating the conditions of his parole and the Misdemeanor of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree. Williams' arrest was the result of a joint investigation between the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, and Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force. Williams was remanded to the Sullivan County Jail pending a Parole hearing.

June 17, 2019 – **Elba Z. Lucero**, 27, of Liberty was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree and the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree. It is alleged that Lucero stole \$1,520 in SNAP benefits by failing to disclose income from employment. Lucero was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

June 18, 2019 – **Maria M. Serrano**, 39, of Monticello was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree and the Class A Misdemeanor of Welfare Fraud in the 5th Degree. It is alleged that Serrano stole \$471 in SNAP benefits by failing to report a change in household composition that resulted in Serrano receiving benefits that she was not entitled to. Serrano was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

June 18, 2019 – **Dominick Cartieri**, 55, of Harris was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree and the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree. It is alleged that Cartieri stole \$2,112 in SNAP benefits by failing to disclose that he was receiving SNAP benefits from New York City while he was also receiving SNAP benefits from Sullivan County. Cartieri was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

June 18, 2019 – **Daniel A. Vanzile**, 42, of Liberty was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree and the Class A Misdemeanor of Welfare Fraud in the 5th Degree. It is alleged that Vanzile stole \$288 in SNAP benefits by failing to disclose income from employment that resulted in Vanzile receiving benefits that he wasn't entitled to. Vanzile was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

June 19, 2019 – **Alex J. Tauber**, 35, of Monticello was arrested and charged with the Class A Misdemeanor of Misuse of Food Stamps. It is alleged that Tauber stole \$768 in SNAP benefits by failing to disclose income from employment that resulted in Tauber receiving benefits that he wasn't entitled to. Tauber was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

June 19, 2019 – **Emily E. Torres**, 25, of Wurtsboro was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree and the Class E Felony of Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree. It is alleged that Torres stole \$2,190 in SNAP benefits by failing to report that the father of her child was employed and living in the household. Torres was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

June 20, 2019 – **Madison Bell**, 21, of White Sulphur Springs was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree and the Class A Misdemeanor of Welfare Fraud in the 5th Degree. It is alleged that Bell stole \$654 in SNAP benefits by failing to disclose that she was receiving income from a structured settlement. Bell was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

June 20, 2019 – **Jonas Abraham**, 38, of Monticello was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree and the Class A Misdemeanor of Misuse of Food Stamps. It is alleged that Abraham stole \$384 in SNAP benefits by using his deceased father's EBT card. Abraham was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

June 20, 2019 – **Christian J. Paroline**, 24, of Coal Township, Pennsylvania was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Criminal Impersonation in the Second Degree. Task Force members became suspicious when Paroline reported to Sullivan County's Department of Family Services that he was currently on New York State Parole and had been homeless for two weeks. A records check of Paroline revealed that he was wanted by the New York State Police out of Tarrytown, NY for Criminal Impersonation in the Second Degree. Paroline was turned over to the State Police for further processing.

June 24, 2019 – **Jennifer L. Bellows**, 32, of Livingston Manor was arrested and charged with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree and the Class A Misdemeanor of Theft of Services. It is alleged that Bellows stole \$508.42 in publicly funded Medicaid medical transportation by using Medicaid transportation for non-medical purposes. Bellows was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

June 25, 2019 – **Jessica C. Travis**, 25, of Liberty was arrested and charged with the Class D Felony of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree and Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree. It is alleged that Travis stole \$4,686.05 in publicly funded daycare expenses by falsely claiming that she was working when she was not. Travis was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and remanded to Sullivan County Jail on \$3,000 bail.



FRAUD TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES ARRESTS

Thursday, August 08, 2019

Liberty, NY – The Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has made the following arrests:

July 9, 2019 – Timothy M. Landis, 34, of Montgomery was arrested on an outstanding Family Court warrant for failing to pay child support. Landis, who owes in excess of \$5,500, was arraigned in Sullivan County Family Court and remanded to Sullivan County Jail to serve 90 days.

July 17, 2019 – Scott J. Wrazen, 34, of Loch Sheldrake was arrested and charged with the Class E felonies of Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, Class B Misdemeanor of Attempted Welfare Fraud in the 5th Degree, and violating the conditions of his parole. It is alleged that Wrazen submitted a fraudulent medical document to the Department of Family Services in an attempt to circumvent the Public Assistance work requirements. Wrazen was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and remanded to Sullivan County Jail without bail.

July 30, 2019 – Malikia I. Gibson, 34, of Monticello was arrested and charged with the Class E felonies of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree and Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree. It is alleged that Gibson stole \$1,316.70 in Public Assistance funds by failing to disclose that she was receiving income from Social Security. Gibson was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

July 30, 2019 – Hope M. Evans, 24, of Liberty was arrested and charged with the Class A misdemeanor of Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 3rd Degree. It is alleged that Evans, while at the time of applying for services, was found to be in possession of a forged LDSS Shelter Verification Form. Evans was issued an appearance ticket to appear in the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.