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PRESS RELEASE

Lucinda Janda, of Hackettstown, New Jersey, entered a guilty plea today before the Honorable Ann R. Bartlett at the Warren County Courthouse to the following charges: Theft, 2nd degree in violation of N.J.S.A. 2c:20-3a and Tampering with Public Records or Information, 3rd degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2c:28-7a(1).

As a result of her plea, the State will recommend a term of imprisonment of 5 years New Jersey State Prison on both counts to run concurrently. On the Tampering with Public Records or Information, she must serve two years before becoming eligible for payroll. The plea agreement also requires the defendant to repay Warren County the amount of \$262, 565.12. The shortages were uncovered by the accounting office of the County of Warren. An extensive audit was completed by that office which led to a criminal investigation and indictment on the aforementioned charges.

Bruce Farrier, Esq., of the New Jersey Office of Public Defender represented the defendant. Warren County Prosecutor Thomas S. Ferguson represented the State.


Thomas S. Ferguson
Prosecutor

Dated: September 14, 2011