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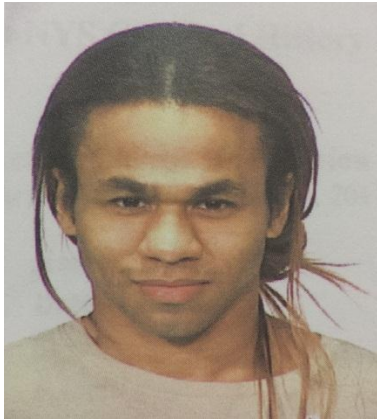
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Crime Against Revenue Program Secures Over \$20,000 in Court Ordered Taxpayer Restitution



Kavin Santos



Jenna Cherry



Chrystal Williams

ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that the Crimes Against Revenue Program secured \$21,943.50 in New York State taxpayer restitution from March 12, 2014 and April 30, 2014.

On April 21, 2014, KAVIN SANTOS, aka STEVEN AUGUSTINE, 26, formerly of Queens County, New York, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court.

In accordance with the plea agreement reached in court, SANTOS faces 2 ½ to 5 years in State Prison, to run consecutive to the sentence that he is currently serving in the Department of Corrections. SANTOS must also pay \$4,530.00 in restitution.

Between June 1, 2012 and June 1, 2013, the defendant, who was an inmate at the New York Department of Corrections, submitted 441 separate NYC-210 forms in an attempt to claim \$36,652.50 in New York City school tax credits in the form of a refund for the 2008-2011 tax years.

The defendant received \$4,530.00 in these tax refunds that were deposited into his commissary account at the correctional facility.

The matter was investigated by the New York State Department of Corrections and the Criminal Investigation Division of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Additionally, on March 12, 2014, JEENA CHERRY, 53, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court.

Between March 2, 2009 and September 30, 2012, the defendant submitted multiple claims to the New York State Department of Labor for unemployment insurance benefits. However, the defendant was gainfully employed and collecting a regular paycheck. The defendant failed to report this on weekly certification records to the New York State Department of Labor and stole \$8,882 in unemployment insurance benefits.

CHERRY faces 5 years of Felony Probation and must pay \$8,882 in restitution back to the New York State Department of Labor when sentenced on May 7, 2014.

Finally, on April 9, 2014, CRYSTAL WILLIAMS, 29, of Cohoes, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court.

Between November 14, 2011 and August 12, 2012, the defendant submitted claims to the New York State Department of Labor for unemployment insurance. The defendant, however, was employed and receiving a regular paycheck. The defendant failed to report this employment on her weekly certification to the New York State Department of Labor and stole \$8,531.50 in unemployment insurance funds.

WILLIAMS faces 5 years of Felony Probation and must pay \$8,531.50 in restitution back to the New York State Department of Labor when sentenced on June 2, 2014.

Since the inception of the Crimes Against Revenue Program, Assistant District Attorneys from the Financial Crimes have recovered \$1,736,447.50 from defendants who stole from the taxpayers and returned those funds to the revenue accounts of Albany County and New York State. For more information on the Albany County Crimes Against Revenue Program click [here](#).

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Peluso of the Financial Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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