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Fraser IT Director Pleads in Embezzlement Case

Mount Clemens, MI - Today, Michele Kwiatkowski, the former IT Director of the City of Fraser, pled to Embezzlement of over \$100,000.00 (20 Year Felony) and will pay restitution to the City of Fraser to resolve her embezzlement case.

It is alleged that from January 2016 through 2020, Michele Kwiatkowski used the City of Fraser's American Express credit card to purchase personal items.

Her sentencing will be delayed pursuant to MCL 771.1 for twelve months. If Kwiatkowski pays approximately \$90,000 in restitution and complies with all other conditions imposed by the court, her conviction will be amended to a ten year embezzlement felony and she will be sentenced accordingly. The City of Fraser has also requested that her pension be forfeited.

"When those entrusted with the public trust exploit their authority for personal benefit, they betray the very public they are meant to serve. We are committed to holding accountable anyone who breaches this public trust. Acknowledging guilt and pledging restitution is a crucial stride towards atonement," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's office represents the people. We are committed to achieving justice and following the laws of the State of Michigan.

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