

Former Atlantic County Deputy Superintendent of Elections Sentenced for Theft

MAYS LANDING, NJ – On Friday, January 12, 2024, Michael A. Gibbons, 38, from Glendora, NJ, was sentenced to four years of probation conditioned on serving 364 days in the Atlantic County Jail which may be served by day reporting. The sentence was imposed pursuant to Gibbons' April 6, 2023, guilty plea to one count of third-degree theft by deception and one count of fourth-degree theft by deception. Gibbons was serving as the Atlantic County Deputy Superintendent of Elections at the time of the offenses.

During his guilty plea, Gibbons admitted that on April 7, 2017, he added unauthorized overtime hours to a subordinate employee's payroll record. When the employee was paid Gibbons subsequently directed that employee to deposit the unauthorized amount into a bank account provided by Gibbons. Gibbons also admitted that on May 12, 2017, he approved the payroll time cards for two employees for regular work hours when in fact Gibbons had directed them to clean his mother's house during that timeframe. The combined total of the two thefts amounted to \$911.00.

As part of his sentence, Gibbons was ordered to pay the County of Atlantic restitution in the amount of \$911.00. The State also sought, and the Court granted, an order that Gibbons permanently forfeit all current and future public employment.

This investigation was conducted by the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office's Professional Standards and Accountability Unit.

Anyone with information about this incident or other serious crimes are asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crime Unit at 609-909-7666 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Website at ACPO.Tips and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page.

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