

Atlantic County Department of Public Works Supervisor Indicted for Official Misconduct and Theft Over \$75,000

MAYS LANDING, NJ – On Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Joseph Jenkins-Ridley, 48, from Mays Landing, NJ, was recently indicted by an Atlantic County Grand Jury on second-degree charges of Official Misconduct, Theft, and Conspiracy for his role orchestrating and leading a large-scale diesel-fuel theft operation.

In May 2025, members of the Atlantic County Department of Public Works alerted law enforcement to irregularities in their diesel fuel logs. An investigation revealed that Jenkins-Ridley had been using his position as a supervisor in Public Works to gain access to the Atlantic County fuel pumps to fuel trucks that he owns in connection with his private business, Z5 Logistics. Since March 2023, Jenkins-Ridley has directed his employees at Z5 to fuel the trucks almost daily at the County fuel pumps. The total amount of fuel stolen is just under \$80,000.

This case was investigated by the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office's Professional Standards and Accountability Unit. Chief Assistant Prosecutor Kathleen Robinson represents the State.

***** These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. *****

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