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Robbinsville Firefighter Convicted of Stealing More than \$10,000 in Vacation Time

TRENTON -- Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. reported that a Robbinsville firefighter was convicted at trial for stealing more than \$10,000 worth of vacation time over three years.

Steven Kadir, 37, of Hightstown, was found guilty Thursday afternoon by a Mercer County jury of second-degree official misconduct, third-degree theft by deception and third-degree tampering with official records. The verdict on all counts of the indictment followed a two-week trial before Mercer County Superior Court Judge Robert C. Billmeier.

During the trial, Senior Assistant Prosecutor James Scott presented testimony and evidence that between July 2009 and March 2012, Kadir falsified time sheets and failed to document 378 hours of time off. Robbinsville Township calculated the value of the vacation time in excess of \$10,000.

The matter was investigated by Lieutenants Sandy Bainbridge and Christopher Nitti of the Robbinsville Township Police Department. Bocchini also thanked his Economic Crime Unit for its assistance with the case.

Second-degree crimes carry a sentence of five to 10 years in state prison. Third-degree crimes carry a sentence of three to five years in state prison. Sentencing is scheduled for August 15.

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