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## **SERV Employee Charged with Stealing \$14,000**

Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. reported that an investigation conducted by his Economic Crime Unit (ECU) has resulted in the arrest of Johnathon Smith, age 37, of Country Hollow Circle, Sicklerville, NJ.

SERV Behavioral Health System contacted the prosecutor's office approximately two weeks ago after receiving information that Smith, a chief operations officer, was using a corporate account to make purchases for personal use. An investigation ensued and revealed that Smith used SERV's corporate account with a local grocery store and a SERV corporate credit card to purchase groceries and furniture. Since January 2013, the total amount of personal purchases Smith is alleged to have made is approximately \$14,370.

Smith was charged on August 28 with one count of third-degree theft by deception. He was released on a summons pending future court proceedings. Third-degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of five years in state prison and a \$15,000 fine.

Bocchini credited Detective Nancy Diaz of his ECU with the investigation leading to the arrest. The case is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant Prosecutor James Scott, chief of the ECU.

Despite having been charged, all persons are presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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