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Subject: Former Glen Ridge Registrar Charged with Theft
Date: February 14, 2014
Category: Official Misconduct, Theft
Defendant(s): Tresor Gopaul

Acting Essex County Prosecutor Carolyn A. Murray and Glen Ridge Police Chief Sheila Byron-Lagatta announced today that following a joint investigation by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office and Glen Ridge Police the former Glen Ridge Borough Registrar, Tresor Gopaul, 30, of Montclair has been arrested and charged with stealing in excess of \$50,000 from the borough.

Gopaul is accused of stealing money collected when people came into the borough to obtain birth certificates, death certificates and marriage certificates.

The theft came to light in August 2013 when Gopaul had taken a day off from work and the deputy registrar was covering for him. That led to an investigation of Gopaul and his subsequent arrest on Jan. 24.

Gopaul, who has since been fired, had been the registrar in the Borough since June 2010. Following his arrest he was released on a summons.

These are accusations. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they enter a guilty plea or are found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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