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**Subject: Irvington Superintendent of Streets and Sewers Enters Guilty Plea**  
**Date: April 30, 2014**  
**Category: Official Misconduct**  
**Defendant(s): James J. Ryan**

Acting Essex County Prosecutor Carolyn A. Murray announced today that the Irvington Superintendent of Streets and Sewers, **James J. Ryan**, 47, of Washington pled guilty to theft of services before the Honorable Judge Robert Gardner, Judge of the Superior Court.

Ryan pled guilty on Monday to 3rd Degree Theft of Services for using Township heavy equipment on a private construction project.

On Nov. 11, 2010 Ryan used two Irvington Township vehicles to conduct a sewer replacement project with Amber Sewer Cleaning, which is his personal construction business.

Following an investigation sparked by an anonymous complaint, on April 4, 2013 Ryan was arrested and charged. He was also suspended without pay from his job.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Ryan must forfeit his public employment. Because he has no prior convictions, there is a presumption that he will receive a probationary sentence. Sentencing is scheduled for July 11, before Judge Gardner.

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