

**News Release from
The Honorable Sandra Doorley
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**Deborah Amy Vendel Sentenced to 2-4 Year in Prison
for Grand Larceny in the Third Degree**

Rochester, NY- Today, Monroe County Court Judge Melchor E. Castro sentenced 55 year old, Deborah Amy Vendel to 2-4 years in New York State Prison. Vendel was the office manager for Smith Automotive in the Town of Webster. She admitted to stealing in excess of \$60,000 over the span of her employment, by utilizing company credit card readers to process fraudulent refunds onto her personal credit cards.

Vendel plead guilty to Grand Larceny in the Third Degree. She was sentenced as a second felony offender due to two prior felony convictions involving theft from employers. Judge Castro additionally ordered that Vendel pay \$62,603.95 restitution to the business.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Roman Misula of the Economic Crime Bureau.

"Ms. Vendel occupied a position of trust within this small business, and she utilized that position to defraud the owner," said Assistant District Attorney Roman Misula. "A loss of \$60,000 has a tremendous impact on a small business. It is our hope that this sentence sends a message to the community that this sort of criminal activity will be taken very seriously."

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