



PRESS RELEASE

Former State Employee Sentenced for Theft

BALTIMORE, MD (July 21, 2017) - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that former state employee Carla Renee Bailey, 52, of Salisbury, was sentenced by Judge Dale R. Cathell to five years of incarceration, suspending all but 18 months to be followed by three years of supervised probation. Bailey pleaded guilty to one count of felony theft scheme having a value of at least \$1,000 but less than \$10,000.

While an employee of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), Bailey was the coordinator for a federally funded grant that focused on broadening participation in the STEM disciplines by historically under-represented groups. Students in the program participated in work/study fellowships, performing research under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Bailey had management-level access to the payroll records for the students. The investigation revealed that between December 2013 and June 2014, Bailey took 40 checks made payable to 11 different students and negotiated them by forging the students' endorsement and then depositing them in her own account or cashing them.

The case was prosecuted by the Fraud and Corruption Unit of the Maryland Attorney General's Office with assistance from the Maryland State Police.