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EX-STATE CONTRACT WORKER CHARGED FOR STEALING FROM ELDERLY

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A former employee of Senior Services Associates, a State of Illinois contractor, faces criminal charges for stealing money from an elderly victim.

A Kane County grand jury on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, indicted 41-year-old **Mary E. Pfingston (AKA Mary E. McMillan)** on the offenses of financial exploitation of the elderly, Class 2 felony, theft, Class 2 felony, and three counts of public contractor misconduct, Class 3 felony.

The indictments state that between Feb. 1, 2015, and April 30, 2015, Pfingston, who was in a position of trust and/or authority of an elderly person, knowingly and deceptively stole a total of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 from the victim, who was a resident of a long-term care facility.

Senior Services Associates is contracted with the state through the Illinois Department on Aging.

After the Kane County State's Attorney's Office secured the indictment, a judge issued a warrant for Pfingston and set her bail at \$200,000 with 10 percent (\$20,000) to apply for bond. The Illinois State Police on Dec. 6 took Pfingston into custody.

Pfingston appeared today in Kane County bond court. Judge Downs reduced the bail to \$100,000 with 10 percent (\$10,000) to apply for bond. Her next court appearance is set for 9 a.m. Dec. 15, 2017, in Courtroom 311 in front of Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr.

If convicted of the most serious offense, Pfingston faces a sentence of probation or between 3 and 7 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The Illinois State Police conducted the investigation, which is ongoing. Anyone with information should call the Illinois State Police at (847) 294-4466.

The charges against Pfingston are not proof of guilt. Pfingston is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mary E. Pfingston (AKA Mary E. McMillan): Age 41 (d.o.b. 3-31-1976), of the 3300 block of Hutchinson Road, Joliet