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### **EX-STATE CONTRACT WORKER GETS PRISON FOR STEALING FROM ELDERLY VICTIM**

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A former employee of Senior Services Associates, a State of Illinois contractor, has been sentenced to prison for stealing money from an elderly victim.

Kane County Circuit Judge Donald M. Tegeler, Jr., on Thursday, March 22, 2018, sentenced 41-year-old **Mary E. Pfingston (AKA Mary E. McMillan)** of Joliet to 5 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections and ordered her to pay \$33,734.52 in restitution.

Pfingston on Feb. 16, 2018, pleaded guilty to the offense of financial exploitation of the elderly, Class 2 felony. Pfingston had faced a sentence of probation or between 3 and 7 years' imprisonment.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Seberger stated in court 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 between \$5,000 and \$50,000 from the victim, who was a resident of a long-term care facility in North Aurora.

Senior Services Associates is contracted with the state through the Illinois Department on Aging. Pfingston worked for Senior Services Associates' as Kane County's long-term care ombudsman. Her primary duty was to advocate for residents of long-term care facilities in Kane County.

According to Illinois law Pfingston is eligible for day-for-day credit. She receives credit for 108 days served in the Kane County jail.

"Mary Pfingston preyed on a senior who she was supposed to protect. She abused her trust and caused her to lose her home. Mary's Pfingston's past caught up with her with this sentence, and I'm thankful she will never work with our seniors again," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said.

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