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Smithtown Highway Superintendent charged in scheme to alter official records of paving project

The Highway Superintendent of Smithtown is charged with tampering with public records, falsifying business records, filing false records, official misconduct and grand larceny, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said today.

Glenn Jorgensen, 63, of St. James pleaded not guilty to the charges at his arraignment in district court.

Jorgensen allegedly directed the altering of road construction reports to conceal his approval of paving of at least eight Smithtown streets in freezing temperatures last November by the contractor, Suffolk Asphalt Corporation of Selden. Jorgensen then directed a highway foreman to alter the records to misrepresent the weather conditions during the repaving work.

“State Department of Transportation construction standards dictate asphalt must not be applied to a road surface in freezing temperatures, and in fact, the town’s own engineer has said repaving in freezing weather would result in the asphalt falling apart,” District Attorney Spota said. “The repaving of a residential street doesn’t happen that often and when it does, residents are paying for a job done correctly, not a faulty repaving that will soon need pothole repair work.”

The misdemeanor grand larceny charge Jorgensen faces alleges the Superintendent stole work order for the improper repaving and took the official documents home. District Attorney Detectives found the records in Jorgensen’s Hope Place residence, in his bedroom, under his bed.

As the Town Superintendent of Highways, Jorgensen supervises approximately 142 employees responsible for snow removal and the paving and maintenance of over 450 miles of roads in the township. The defendant worked for the Smithtown Highway department for 37 years, retiring in 2006. In 2009, Jorgensen won election as Smithtown Highway Superintendent and he was reelected in 2013.

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Defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.