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## **Guilty plea in east end court theft**

A former court employee charged with stealing \$230,000 in fines, bail money and other revenue from Southold Town court coffers pleaded guilty today to grand larceny during a court conference in Suffolk County court in Riverhead.

Christine Stulsky, 65, of New Suffolk, will be sentenced March 11 by State Supreme Court Justice John Collins to six months in the county jail and five years' probation with drug and alcohol conditions. Stulsky is required to pay the stolen funds back and will make her first payment of \$50,000 this week.

The defendant resigned as a Senior Justice Court Clerk at the time of her arrest last March.

Her duties included the collection and deposit of fines and bail funds and the reconciliation of the court's bank accounts. The investigation found that the thefts began in January, 2009.

Stulsky claimed she used the money to meet everyday living expenses.

Her employment in Southold Town Justice Court began in 1980.



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