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## **Grand jury indicts contractor for stealing ATM using stolen dump truck**

A 26 year old landscape contractor who told detectives he stole an ATM machine because of the "hard times" caused by the influx of immigrant labor is scheduled to be arraigned on an indictment tomorrow, Friday, January 16 in Riverhead, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Garrett Landry of Duck Pond Road in Glen Cove, with an accomplice, allegedly hotwired and stole a dump truck from a Coram cemetery and traveled to Smithaven Mall where the pair backed the truck through the glass doors of a store entrance to steal the ATM machine in the vestibule.

"A good Samaritan, a cab driver, saw the truck and the door wreckage and dialed 911," District Attorney Spota said. "The cabbie said the two men had a chain wrapped around the ATM and loaded it onto the truck. The cabbie stayed on the phone with 911 and followed the truck from Route 347 to Nicholls Road to Pond Path and then a dead-end side street where the defendant and his accomplice fled the scene on foot."

Suffolk County Police Aviation and K9 units found Landry near the abandoned dump truck; the other suspect remains at large.

Landry told Suffolk detectives that "times are hard right now" and "I can't compete with all the illegal immigration, they're taking over and they work for nothing."

Online business records indicate the defendant is the owner-operator of Garland Contracting Inc., a Glen Cove firm "specializing in landscape and masonry construction".

Landry posted \$5,050 bail on December 31.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho will unseal his indictment in the Riverhead courthouse. Justice Camacho will call the court calendar at 9:30 am.



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