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Ex-North Patchogue Fire District Manager charged with grand larceny

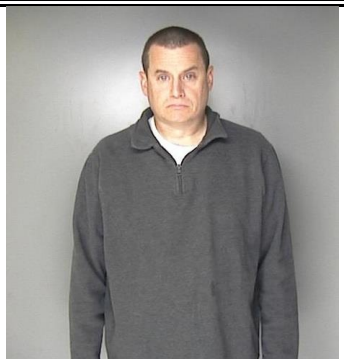
Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota today announced the arrest of the former district manager of the North Patchogue Fire District.

John Drews, 46, of Sound Beach, pleaded not guilty today to grand larceny in the third degree, defrauding the government and official misconduct. He was released on his own recognizance.

District Attorney Spota said the investigation found evidence Drews used a district-issued credit card to buy over $5,000 of apparel and sneakers and to pay personal cell phone bills.

As the district manager, Drews supervised paid employees, maintained property and purchased firematic equipment.

The defendant was hired in 2003 and resigned in December of last year.



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