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Former Red Cross employee charged with grand larceny

The former financial director of the Suffolk County chapter of the American Red Cross is charged with grand larceny in the second degree for allegedly embezzling nearly \$275,000 from the non-profit organization, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said today.

From August, 2005 through November, 2009, Deborah Leggio, 47, used the organization's debit card, issued in her name, to make ATM cash withdrawals, sometimes as often as every couple of days. An audit identified \$274,301 in unauthorized cash withdrawals.

Leggio, now living in Tracy, California, surrendered on an indictment warrant and pleaded not guilty today before Judge Gary Weber. The defendant worked at the local chapter for approximately seven and one-half years starting in 2002.

Judge Weber set cash bail at \$17,500 or \$35,000 bond.



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