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Lindenhurst woman indicted for mortgage fraud scheme

A Lindenhurst woman will be arraigned tomorrow (9/29) in Central Islip on grand larceny charges for allegedly duping investors in a mortgage scheme, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Dawn Hughes, 45, of 903 Artic Street, was a real estate attorney who solicited cash investments from a number of clients, promising them their money would be used to fund short-term private mortgages.

She was disbarred in May of this year.

“An investigation found that the defendant used names and property addresses from prior, legitimate real estate transactions to create fake mortgage documents to provide to her investors,” DA Spota said.

Hughes allegedly embezzled the money for her personal use.

“The total amount of the theft is over one million dollars,” said DA Spota.

State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho will unseal the indictment. The court calendar begins at 9:30 am.

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