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CITY OF YONKERS  
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**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

TO: Mayor Mike Spano  
Council President Liam McLaughlin  
Honorable Members of the Yonkers City Council  
Charles Gardner, Police Commissioner  
Dr. Edwin Quezada, Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools

FROM: Brendan J. McGrath, Inspector General 

RE: Restitution for School District Theft

DATE: June 29, 2017

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On June 9, 2016 my office issued a report concerning fraud, theft and misconduct in the Transportation Department of the Yonkers Public Schools and associated entities. That report detailed, among other things, the relationship between two former directors of the Transportation Department, Anna Sollozzo, acting in her capacity as Director of Transportation, and William Ahern, acting in his capacity as owner of A Plus Transportation. In June 2016, Solozzo pled guilty to Grand Larceny and Criminal Tax Fraud, both felonies, and is currently serving a two to six year sentence in state prison. In February 2017, Ahern pled guilty to Grand Larceny and Rewarding Official Misconduct, for which he was sentenced to two months weekend shock probation and ordered to pay restitution to the City of Yonkers in the amount of \$313,825.08.

In February of 2017, my office received a check in the amount of \$179,203.08, representing partial restitution to the City of Yonkers. These funds have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Finance for processing. The remaining \$134,622 was the result of a forfeiture of claims Ahern had against the City of Yonkers for bona fide service rendered and have thus been applied as a credit to the City of Yonkers.

The foregoing information puts an end to a three year process involving extraordinary cooperation by and between the Yonkers Inspector General, the Yonkers Police Department and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. I would personally like to thank Detective Anthony Ochiogrosso of the Yonkers Police Department and Stephen Ronco of the Westchester County District Attorney's Office for their tireless efforts on behalf of the residents of Yonkers.

Attached please find a copy of the Stipulation of Settlement along with a copy of the cashier's check remitted by William Ahern.

COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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ANTHONY A. SCARPINO, JR., DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY,

Plaintiff,

- against -

WILLIAM AHERN,

Defendant.

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THE PARTIES HEREIN HEREBY STIPULATE AND AGREE THAT:

WILLIAM AHERN, having been convicted in this Court on October 27, 2016 before the Honorable Barry E. Warhit of the crimes of Grand Larceny in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Rewarding Official Misconduct in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree under Indictment Number 15-0701-01, hereby attests that as a condition of this plea he has agreed to pay restitution to the City of Yonkers totaling **\$313,825.08**.

WILLIAM AHERN attests that the City of Yonkers has withheld payment owed to him totaling **\$134,622.00** in exchange for school bus transportation services performed by his company, A Plus Transportation, Inc.

WILLIAM AHERN hereby agrees that, as part of his plea under Indictment Number 15-0701-01, he forfeits his claim to money totaling **\$134,622.00** owed to him by the City of Yonkers and he agrees to have this withheld money applied to the restitution owed by him to the City of Yonkers.

WILLIAM AHERN hereby agrees that he will continue to owe the City of Yonkers restitution totaling **\$179,203.08** after the execution of this stipulation agreement.

WILLIAM AHERN hereby attests to the fact that he is the sole and exclusive owner of this seized property and no other person has any right, title or interest in it.

WILLIAM AHERN agrees that in the event that he withdraws his guilty plea at any future time under Indictment Number 15-0701-01, that such withdrawal shall not be grounds for vacating or contesting in any way this settlement.

STIPULATION OF  
SETTLEMENT

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COUNTY CLERK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER


This agreement shall not be construed to release or discharge any right or claim accruing to the plaintiff as a result of any criminal activity of defendant WILLIAM AHERN not recited herein.

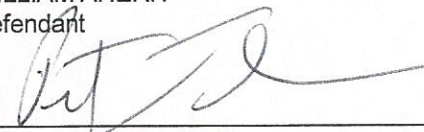
This agreement may not be changed orally. This stipulation represents the entire agreement by and between the parties and may not be redefined unilaterally.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties have read and understood the above and intend to be legally bound by the same.

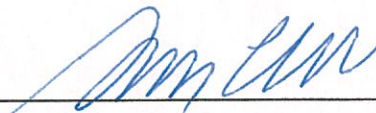
ANTHONY A. SCARPINO, JR.  
District Attorney  
Westchester County

By:   
Assistant District Attorney


  
WILLIAM AHERN  
Defendant

  
Attorney for Defendant

SO ORDERED:

  
Hon. Barry E. Warhaft

Dated: White Plains, New York  
2/15, 2017

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER SS:  
I, TIMOTHY C. IDONI, COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS,  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPARED THIS COPY WITH THE ORIGINAL  
THEREOF FILED IN MY OFFICE ON 2-16-17 AND THAT THE SAME IS A CORRECT  
TRANSCRIPT THEREFROM AND OF THE WHOLE OF SUCH ORIGINAL.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED MY OFFICIAL SEAL  
  
COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS, WESTCHESTER COUNTY.  
FEE PAID

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# CASHIER'S CHECK

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Office AU # 1210(8)  
Remitter: WILLIAM T AHERN  
Operator I.D.: u321907 u304995

February 15, 2017

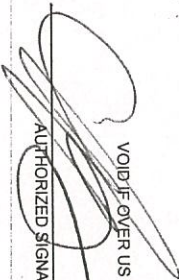
PAY TO THE ORDER OF \*\*\*CITY OF YONKERS\*\*\*

\*\*\*One hundred seventy-nine thousand two hundred three dollars and 08 cents\*\*\* \*\*\$179,203.08\*\*

Payee Address:  
Memo:

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
490 MAIN ST  
ARMONK, NY 10504  
FOR INQUIRIES CALL (480) 394-3122

  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

  
VOID IF OVER US \$ 179,203.08  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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