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DDS Employee Arrested for Payroll Fraud

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The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is always disheartened when one of its employees is alleged to have abused the public trust and/or defrauded the state of funds that are intended to support and serve our clients. Such actions are an insult to the thousands of other DDS employees who perform their duties with distinction each and every day.

We greatly appreciate the diligence of our DDS staff who uncovered this alleged scheme and thank the DDS Division of Investigations, DDS Auditors and the Connecticut State Police for their efforts in this lengthy and complex investigation. Lisa Bloomer, Supervising Developmental Services Worker (SDSW), the employee in question resigned in lieu of termination. In addition, the department terminated Ms. Bloomer's supervisor, Alisa Bobinski, for dereliction of duty.

Commissioner Peter H. O'Meara again reminds the over 5,000 state DDS employees as well as the 12,000 employees of the department's private sector partners of their responsibility to safeguard the well being of our consumers at all times and to be alert to any actions that might harm them or deprive them of services.

As this investigation continues, the agency will be unable to comment further, however, we will seek prosecution to the fullest extent of the law and demand restitution.

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