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Inspector General's Office Investigation Leads to a Guilty Plea by Joseph Salvo, Former Methuen School Business Manager, for Embezzlement & Larceny, November 2011

A joint investigative effort of the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General, the Essex County District Attorney's Office, the Methuen Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Lowell Resident Agency, has led to the guilty plea in Lawrence District Court of former Methuen School Department Business Manager Joseph Salvo. Salvo pled guilty to embezzlement by a municipal officer of municipal property and larceny over \$250.00 by misuse of school credit cards to purchase items for personal use. The total cost of the goods was approximately \$38,000.00 dollars. The goods purchased were never placed in the School department's inventory and were kept by Salvo for personal use.

Judge Michael Brooks sentenced Salvo, 66, of Methuen, to six months in the Essex County House of Correction, 90 days to be served. The balance suspended for one year with probation.

The scheme for which Salvo was convicted took place from November, 2005 through his sudden resignation in 2008. Investigators believe there were more items purchased prior to 2005, but the statute of limitations had expired. Among the items purchased were two desk top computers, two high end laptops, three scanners, four high end cameras, a number of industrial hammer drills, two ladder systems, Italian tile, a fax machine, a miter saw, an air compressor and a printer.

For additional information see: [Essex District Attorney's Press Release](#).