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OIG Joint Investigation Results in Charges Against Former Blandford Tax Collector, January 2017

A Hampden County grand jury indicted the former Blandford Tax Collector on December 30, 2016, charging her with stealing more than \$150,000 from the town over a period of several years.

LeeAnn Thompson, 47, of North Chelmsford faces one count of embezzlement by a public officer, one count of larceny over \$250, and one count of using an official position to secure an unwarranted privilege. Staff members of the Massachusetts Inspector General's Office and the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office jointly investigated the case.

The indictment alleges that between 2006 and 2011 Thompson used several methods to misappropriate money paid to the town and to conceal her improper actions. The indictment alleges that she received tax payments in cash and never deposited the funds into the town bank account. She also is alleged to have used other taxpayers' funds and escrow checks to conceal the stolen money. Thompson was the Blandford Tax Collector from 2002 to 2011.

Thompson is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

For additional information about the charges against Thompson, see the Attorney General's Office's press release at: [Former Tax Collector Indicted in Connection with Allegedly Stealing More than \\$150,000.](#)