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Former Leyden Police Chief arraigned on theft charges

GREENFIELD – Following an investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General, Daniel J. Galvis, Leyden’s former Chief of Police was arraigned in Greenfield District Court today on numerous charges related to items embezzled from the Town of Leyden.

Galvis pleaded not guilty to the following charges: 2 counts of larceny of a motor vehicle, 2 counts of larceny over \$1,200, and 3 counts of violating the standards of conduct for public employees. Galvis is alleged to have improperly taken possession of equipment owned by the Leyden Police Department, and of having sold some of those items without returning proceeds back to the Town of Leyden. Northwestern Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Atallah is prosecuting the case on behalf of the Commonwealth in cooperation with the Office of the Inspector General.

Greenfield District Court Judge William Mazanec released Galvis on personal recognizance and continued the case until June 21. Galvis is represented by defense attorney James McCall.

“It is an affront to the community when a public official violates their oath of office to enrich themselves, as is alleged in this case,” Inspector General Jeffrey S. Shapiro said. “I am most appreciative that District Attorney Sullivan and his team brought forward this prosecution and know its significance to the people of Leyden. I hope that the work done by the OIG investigators underscores our commitment to protect public resources from fraud, waste or abuse.”

The Office of the Inspector General opened the investigation in March of 2022 following a complaint made to the OIG’s Fraud Hotline. The investigation concluded that Galvis was responsible for the theft of a skid steer loader, a motor, a trailer, and a Ford truck. The charges stem from actions Galvis took between 2018 and 2021.

*Criminal charges are based on probable cause to believe a person has committed a crime.
All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.*