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ONONDAGA COUNTY WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF PENSION FUNDS

Defendant Fraudulently Collected a Pension in her Deceased Mother's Name

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK—Lorraine Lorini, 55, of Nedrow, New York, pleaded guilty to one felony count of theft of government money, announced United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian. Lorini will be sentenced in June and faces up to ten years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, although under the United States Sentencing Guidelines her actual sentence may be less.

Lorini admitted that she applied for and received pension benefits from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), an independent agency of the United States, on behalf of her mother, who was already deceased. Lorini also admitted that she collected more than \$37,000 in pension benefits in her deceased mother's name and that she retained this money for her own use. As part of her plea, Lorini agreed to make full restitution to PBGC.

This case was investigated by the Office of Inspector General for PBGC, and it is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael F. Perry.

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