

Incidents of Fraud and/or Embezzlement against agencies and departments that receive funding from the State of Vermont - 2007-2012

Entity	Date of event	Amount	Resolution	Notes
Town of Ira	1990s to 2009	\$350,000	Donald Hewett was sentenced to 27 months in prison.	
Town of Isle La Motte	2002 - 2007	\$100,000	Suzanne LaBombard paid \$150,000 restitution (\$50,000 for legal fees); served 90 days in prison.	
Vermont Dept. of Children & Families	2004-09	\$490,471	Kathy Latagne was sentenced to 33 months in prison; ordered to repay \$490,471. Her sister, Deborah Tuller, is serving a 13-month sentence in federal prison for her role as co-conspirator.	
Enosburg, Main Street Cemetery Association	July 2004 - September 2011	\$25,000	Gail Ovitt of Enosburg Falls pleaded guilty on 4/9/12 and was ordered to pay full restitution; received a five-year suspended sentence.	
Bethel/Royalton Dump	January 2005 - November 2010	\$173,000	Tonya Drury of Randolph was sentenced to 1 year in prison; ordered to pay restitution of \$168,000.	
Algiers Fire District 1 and the town of Guilford	2007 - March 2011	\$84,000	The case is pending.	
Chittenden Central Supervisory Union	April 2007-Aug. 2009	\$13,041.74	Anne O'Neil made full restitution, pleaded guilty to 2 charges of petty larceny, was sentenced to 6-12 months suspended sentence, 40 days probation. SU changed policy that original bank statements must accompany reports. Annual audits are conducted.	
Rutland Central Supervisory Union	August 23, 2007 - July 31, 2009	\$118,385.17	Loss claim was filed with SU insurance company and the money was repaid in full. Deborah Clough was convicted and sentenced and ordered to pay restitution of \$130,935.43.	

Addison Northeast Supervisory Union	April 2008 - February 2009	\$41,746.91	Amy Cousino pleaded guilty and arrangements were made for complete restitution of funds.	
Washington Central Supervisory Union	October 10, 2008	\$1,028.29	Computer equipment stolen from Calais Elementary School. Never solved.	
Caledonia North Supervisory Union	2009	\$4,500	New phone system was installed; company did not put the out-of-country block on so SU was charged with \$11,000 in calls due to hacker in the system. \$4,000 removed by vendor, sued and received \$2,500. Switched back to old phone system due to poor service.	
Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union	May 2009-2010	\$1,649	Jennifer Congdon was fired 5/19/2010 from her position as school secretary and charged. She made restitution of \$1,000.	
Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union	November 2010	\$3,103.00	Arrest warrant was issued, and it is suspected the former employee is now living in Canada.	
Washington Central Supervisory Union	November 21, 2010	\$1,000.00	East Montpelier Elementary School keys were stolen from principal's car. All locks were changed costing \$1,000.	
Project Against Violent Encounters, Bennington	2011	\$22,000	Deborah Stanlewicz of Pownal was sentenced to 9 months in prison.	
Burlington School District	Spring 2011	\$605.25	Tianna Tomasi was prosecuted. SU expects repayment.	
Winooski School District	April & May 2011	\$1,563.71	Employee was released from the secretarial portion of the job but retained her position as instructional assistant. Case was referred to the Winooski Community Justice Center and handled by Reparative Board. Employee completed the Reparative Board requirements on 6/21/11.	<i>All records of the Winooski Community Justice Center are sealed and the name cannot be released.</i>

Washington Central Supervisory Union	September 1, 2011	Unknown	Items missing from U-32 High School. The case is pending.	
Washington South Supervisory Union	October 26, 2011	\$137,728.84	Wire fraud from foreign operatives. A1All bank accounts changed, internal controls put in place to monitor all account activity. Implemented a stand-alone computer and dual approval controls for all ACH transactions, increased anti-virus guards. Payroll clerk has new computer, e-mail address and passwords.	