

Incidents of fraud and/or embezzlement against agencies and departments that receive funding from the State of Vermont, 2007-2013

Entity	Embezzlement Began On or About	Discovered On or About	Arrest/Indictment On or About	Link to News Coverage	Amount (gross before recovery)	Resolution
State						
Vermont Dept. of Children & Families	2004	2010	2010	burlingtonfreepress.com	\$490,471	Kathy Latagne was sentenced to 33 months in prison and ordered to repay \$490,471. Her sister, Deborah Tuller, is serving a 13-month sentence in federal prison for her role as co-conspirator.
Vermont Dept. of Probation & Parole	2010			State Probation Worker Pleads for Mercy from Governor	unknown	Brenda Massie was sentenced to 10 days in jail
Vermont State Police	unknown at this time	2012	2012	www.wcax.com/Deeghan	\$202,000	James Deeghan was sentenced to two years in prison and ordered to pay restitution of \$202,000.
State-Funded Entities						
University of Vermont	2006	2012	2014	UVM employee pleads guilty	\$185,000	Jody Farnham, 55, pleaded guilty Wednesday to embezzling at least \$185,000 and is scheduled for sentencing in June 2014
<p>The Vermont Medicaid Fraud Residential Abuse Unit investigates and prosecutes crimes against patients, elders, and vulnerable adults receiving services paid for by Medicaid.</p>					<p>Click here to view the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud report for 2013</p>	
<p>See Local Embezzlements Below</p>						

Local						
Town of Ira	2003	2009	2010	wcax.com	\$350,000	Donald Hewett Ira's Town Treasurer was sentenced to 27 months in prison.
Town of Isle La Motte	2002 - 2007	2007	2008	www.wcax.com/IsleLaMotte	\$100,000	Suzanne LaBombard paid \$150,000 restitution (\$50,000 for legal fees); served 90 days in prison.
Rutland Central Supervisory Union	2007 - 2009	2011	2011	www.fbi.gov	\$106,000	Deborah Clough was convicted in Federal Court and sentenced to 14 months to serve with 2 years of supervised release and ordered to pay restitution of \$111,495
Addison Northeast Supervisory Union	2008 - 2009	2009	2009	www.wcax.com/Addison	\$41,747	As part of a plea deal, Cousino was placed on probation for five years and ordered to pay \$42,000 in restitution to the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union.
Bethel/Royalton Dump	2005 - 2010	2011	2011	www.wcax.com/Randolph	\$173,000	Tonya Drury of Randolph was sentenced to 1 year in prison and ordered to pay restitution of \$168,000.
Algiers Fire District/Guilford	2007 - 2011	2011	2012	www.wcax.com/AlgiersFD	\$84,000	Sherry Roebuck will spend a year and a half behind bars for embezzling more than \$80,000 from the Algiers Fire District, and is required to pay restitution
Chittenden Central Supervisory Union	2007-2009			unable to locate	\$13,042	Anne O'Neil made full restitution, pleaded guilty to two 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.
Project Against Violent Encounters, Bennington	2011	2012	2012	RutlandHerald.com/PAVE	\$22,000	Stanlewicz pleaded guilty to the charge but wasn't sentenced. There is no agreement between the state and Stanlewicz about the length of the sentence or restitution. The Vermont Department of Corrections has been ordered to conduct a pre-sentence investigation.
Burlington School District	2011				\$605	Tianna Tomasi was prosecuted. SU expects repayment.
Washington South Supervisory Union	2011				\$137,729	Wire fraud from foreign operatives. All 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.