



Warren County Sheriff's Office

Press Release

Incident Number: 2025-25920

Type of Incident: Fraud

Date of Incident: December 23, 2025

Overview:

On Tuesday December 23, 2025, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Warren County Sheriff Jim LaFarr received a call from Kevin Geraghty, the Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors. Chairman Geraghty advised that the Warren County Treasurer's Office may have been the victim of fraud. Following the call a team of Sheriff's Office Investigators were sent to the Treasurer's Office to commence a criminal investigation.

Over the course of two weeks Sheriff's Investigators, working closely with New York State Police Computer Crimes Investigators, U.S. Secret Service Agents, and other members of law enforcement, have determined that a person alleging to be a representative of Peckham Materials Corp. contacted the Warren County Treasurer's Office seeking to establish an ACH (automated clearing house) electronic payment vendor account.

A written request to set up the account was submitted to the Treasurer's Office in November 2025 and an ACH vendor account was established by the Treasurer's Office for Peckham Materials Corp. using fraudulent account information.

In December 2025 two electronic ACH payments, totaling approximately 3.3 million dollars, were transmitted to this recently established fraudulent account. On December 23, 2025 the County learned of the potential fraud when a legitimate representative from Peckham Materials Corp. contacted the Warren County Department of Public Works to inquire about outstanding invoice payments. Investigators verified that these two payments were sent



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to a fraudulent account and confirmed Warren County was the victim of fraud. This incident did not involve a sophisticated or elaborate computer crime. It involved basic fraudulent tactics that could have been prevented through the use of proper financial safeguards and protocols.

As of Friday January 2, 2025 approximately 1.2 million dollars, of the approximately 3.3 million dollars stolen, was recovered and returned to Warren County. Investigators have identified a person of interest relating to this crime and are actively working to gather evidence, conduct interviews, and locate the remaining stolen funds. The Sheriff's Office investigation is ongoing.