

## News Release

Arcadia, Louisiana

District Attorney Danny Newell of the Second Judicial District stated that his office inherited the State versus Patricia C. Hampton case when he took office in 2015. According to District Attorney Newell, Hampton was indicted by a Bienville Parish grand jury on August 30, 2011, and charged with felony theft related to her stealing money while serving as water payment clerk for her employer, the Town of Arcadia, Louisiana. The thefts involved stealing cash over a three year period.

More than six years later, on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 10:15 p.m., after a four day trial, Hampton was found guilty of felony theft by unanimous vote of the jury. Newell further stated, "Assistant District Attorney Russell Davis has worked very hard on this case and did an excellent job of presenting the case to the jury."

"Hampton is the last of two former employees of Arcadia to have either been found guilty or pled guilty to felony theft. The Town will begin recovering these stolen funds through restitution payments from both defendants." Hampton is scheduled to return to court on November 8, 2017, for sentencing.

District Attorney Danny Newell wishes to thank Inspector General Stephen Street of the State of Louisiana and Investigator Tom Boulton of the Inspector General's Office for their assistance in investigating the Hampton case.

Hampton was elected to the District 2 seat of the Arcadia Town Council in 2014. Under state law the conviction of this felony automatically suspends Hampton from office without authority or compensation pending all appellate review of the conviction.