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## Arcadia council woman to spend a year in prison for theft

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An Arcadia council woman will spend a year in jail following her sentencing Wednesday in Bienville District Court for a felony theft conviction.

District Judge Glenn Fallin also placed Patricia Hampton on two years of supervised probation with a special condition that she make full restitution to the town of Arcadia.

Hampton was not ordered to report to prison immediately, however. Fallin allowed her to remain free pending the filing of an appeal provided a bond is posted by 5 p.m. Friday.

Hampton has been unable to participate on the Town Council since her conviction last fall. She was automatically suspended when convicted. If the conviction is upheld on appeal, she'll have to resign.

A Bienville Parish jury convicted Hampton of felony theft of more than \$1,500 following a four-day trial. The six-person jury was unanimous in its decision.

Hampton was arrested in February 2011 after state Inspector General Stephen Street concluded she diverted more than \$37,000 in water payments over a three-year period, starting in July 2007 and ending June 2010. An investigation started after auditors found discrepancies in the water department records.

Hampton's job was to take payments, file reports on the collections and deposit the money. The theft occurred from 2006-2010 and reports were altered to hide the thefts, Street said in an investigative report.

Despite pending her criminal prosecution, Hampton was elected to the Town Council in the fall 2014 elections. She took office Jan. 1, 2015, with her term set to expire Dec. 31, 2018.

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