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**MADIGAN: GRAND JURY INDICTS FORMER VILLAGE
EMPLOYEE**

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today said a Rochester woman, indicted yesterday by a Sangamon County grand jury, allegedly stole cash and forged documents to conceal her actions during the time she was employed as a clerk for the Village of Grandview.

Angela Hanley, 34, was hired as a part-time clerk in March 2003. Her duties included accepting payments at the counter from Grandview citizens for water bills and depositing the day's receipts into the village's bank account. According to an investigation by the Grandview Police Department, some citizens paid by check while others paid in cash. After Hanley was terminated in 2005 for an unrelated matter, the new clerk examined village records and discovered that beginning in the last half of 2004, Hanley allegedly kept all of the cash she received.

Hanley is charged with one count of theft over \$10,000, a Class 2 felony punishable by three to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). The charge includes taking other cash revenue. Between June 2004 and August 2005, the financial loss to Grandview is estimated at more than \$18,000.

A separate felony count of theft involves Hanley's alleged July 2005 theft of more than \$300 in cash donations intended for a "National Night Out" event. A local business provided investigators with a receipt in Hanley's handwriting for its cash donation that was never deposited. The copy of the receipt Hanley wrote, which should be in the village's records, is missing. The Class 3 felony count carries a possible prison sentence of two to five years.

The village's bank records indicate Hanley deposited checks only. However, on one occasion in June 2005, the indictment charges Hanley with Class 3 forgery for allegedly falsifying village bank records to show that some cash was part of a bank deposit, when, in fact, there was no cash.

"These were crimes directed squarely at her employer, the citizens of the Village of Grandview," Madigan said. "They deserved better than that."

Grand jurors also indicted Hanley on two counts of official misconduct, each count being a Class 3 felony for the period of June 2004 through August 2005.

Circuit Court Judge Robert Eggers issued an arrest warrant and set bond at \$15,000. Senior Assistant Attorney General Edward Snow is handling the case for Madigan's Financial Crimes Unit at the request of the Grandview Police Department.

The public is reminded that these are merely charges and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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