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State worker accused of embezzlement

Guilderland woman charged with stealing \$50,000 while treasurer of training group

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ALBANY -- A state employee was charged Friday with embezzling more than \$50,000 from an organization she served as treasurer.

Karen M. Bradley, 42, of Carman Road, Guilderland, was arrested by State Police in connection with the theft from the New York State Training Council, a nonprofit organization of government human resources professionals. Bradley is employed in the Governor's Office of Employee Relations as an employee program assistant.

She was suspended Friday without pay, Office of Employee Relations spokesman Craig Dickinson said.

Bradley was the part-time, non-paid treasurer for the council, which advocates and supports training within the state work force.

After being booked on counts of second-degree grand larceny and first-degree falsifying business records, Bradley was arraigned in Albany City Court and released on her own recognizance.

Senior Investigator Tom Peters said the thefts from 1999 to September 2006 were "brought to our attention by the chairman of the training council, who had received information from individuals regarding" unpaid bills.

The probe began in October and "basically was a matter of waiting for subpoenas on bank records to come back," he said.

Investigators allege that Bradley repeatedly filed false financial reports with the council's executive committee to hide the thefts.

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