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**MAYS LANDING** – A former account manager at the John Brooks Recovery Center in Atlantic City was arrested for allegedly stealing \$37,805 from her employer, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Wednesday.

Annamarie Hayes, 34, of Pleasantville, was charged with theft for failure to make required disposition. She turned herself in to the Prosecutor's Office Tuesday afternoon. Hayes was processed and released on a summons. Her initial court appearance is scheduled for Nov. 6 at the Atlantic City Municipal Court.

An annual audit was completed by the accounting firm Fitzpatrick Bongiovanni & Kelly PC. The firm found inconsistencies in Hayes' pay records. A complete audit was then done of her pay history, which revealed the nearly \$37,805 discrepancy. It is alleged that Hayes began altering pay roll records on Oct. 12, 2006 and continued through June 2008. Hayes worked at the non-profit agency located on Pacific Avenue since 2005. She left her position shortly after the audit.

The Prosecutor's Office Financial Crimes Unit reviewed the audit report, time sheets, payroll register and cancelled checks from the John Brooks Recovery Center and charged Hayes with the third-degree crime.

Financial Crimes Unit Investigator Edwin Cintron conducted the investigation Under the Supervision of Sgt. Sam Cuccinello.

**\*\*\*These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

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