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**ACCORD WOMAN SENTENCED FOR STEALING FROM MARBLETOWN
MANUFACTURING BUSINESS**

Kingston, NY—On May 16, 2024, Patricia Matthews, age 54, of Accord, was sentenced to 5 years' felony probation and ordered to pay \$207,533.74 to Otto-Tech Manufacturing, by the Honorable Bryan Rounds. Violations of felony-level probation can result in a resentencing to State Prison. Matthews previously pleaded guilty to Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a class C felony, on December 15, 2023.

The conviction arises out of Matthews' ongoing theft and falsification of business records while she was an employee at Otto-Tech Manufacturing, a machining business located in High Falls that manufactures CNC Precision Parts. Matthews had been an employee of the company since 2011; she stole from the business between December 2015 and February 2022. Matthews used various means to steal, including excessive payroll checks made out to herself, payment of unauthorized personal expense payments utilizing Otto-Tech's bank accounts, and falsifying business records to conceal her theft.

At sentencing, the victims provided an Impact Statement emphasizing, "the devastation, pain, suffering and financial impact the defendant brought to their company and the livelihoods of the Otto-Tech employees and its owners".

Otto-Tech Manufacturing is a locally owned small business that provides a livelihood to many of our community members, as well as the building blocks of many industries that support children and people with disabilities.

The case was investigated by the New York State Police Special Investigations Unit, Financial Crimes Division.

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