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**GRAND JURY INDICTS SAUGERTIES COURT CLERK ON CHARGES  
RELATED TO FALSIFICATION OF COURT RECORDS**

Kingston, NY—Haley Whalen, age 26, of Saugerties, was indicted by an Ulster County Grand Jury in a forty-four-count indictment handed up on March 12, 2025. Defendant was arraigned on the indictment on March 14 before Judge James Farrell, visiting judge from Sullivan County.

The indictment alleges that Whalen repeatedly tampered and falsified Saugerties Town Court records while she was a court clerk, i.e., a public official in September of 2023, as well as May and October of 2022. Part of her responsibility was to keep and maintain those records. She is currently on leave without pay.

**District Attorney Emmanuel C. Nneji** said, “This is an indictment, so she will have an opportunity with her lawyer to defend herself. This indictment is about accountability and public confidence in public matters, the accuracy and sanctity of court and other official records. We must be able to trust that court records accurately reflect what happened in court and the transactions which those records purport to represent.”

This matter is being prosecuted by **Deputy Chief ADA Paul Derohannesian** and **Assistant District Attorney Anna Thompson**. The defendant is represented by Kingston attorney Thomas K. Petro.

The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in court.

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