

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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UPDATE: July 28, 2026

Former county employee gets jail term in theft case

Vanessa Clark, 59, of McDonald Avenue, Niles, a former employee of the auto title division of the Trumbull County Clerk of Courts, on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with credit for 88 days already served for her convictions of felonies.



On May 5, 2026, Clark pleaded guilty to one count of theft in office and five counts of tampering with records, all third- and fourth-degree felonies.

Clark, who was dismissed in January 2026 from her county job, was found guilty of stealing \$1,906 in cash from the Auto Title office, according to prosecutors, and that Clark also tampered with office records to hide the theft.

Common Pleas Judge Sarah Kovoov said she did not send Clark to prison because she had no prior criminal record and was assessed as a low risk to reoffend. The judge sentenced her to 3 years of probation, ordered her to pay \$8,000 in fines as well as paying \$1906 in restitution.

Assistant Prosecutor Michael Burnett, who represented the state in the case, recommended that Clark be incarcerated even though she was a first offender because public money was involved. The defendant, who had faced a maximum of 198 months in prison, was represented by attorney Gary Rich.

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