

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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UPDATE: May 6, 2026

Former county employee pleads guilty 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, May 5, 2026, 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 from her county job during the investigation, will be sentenced by Common Pleas Judge Sarah T. Kovoov after she undergoes a background investigation.

The judge states Clark could face a maximum sentence of 198 months in prison.

At the close of the plea hearing, Judge Kovoov revoked her bond, stating that Clark had violated the trust of the public and of the county office.

Clark was taken into custody after the hearing and is presently in Trumbull County jail.

The case involved the theft of \$1,906 in cash from the Auto Title office, according to prosecutors, and that Clark also tampered with office records to hide the theft.

Assistant Prosecutor Michael Burnett, who represented the state, says he will request sometime of incarceration for the defendant, “the length and manor determined by the court.” Clark was represented by attorney Gary Rich.

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