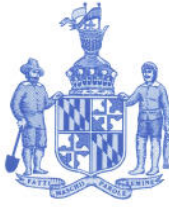


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**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STATE DELEGATE, TIFFANY
ALSTON, FACES NEW CHARGES OF THEFT AND
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE**

State Prosecutor Emmet C. Davitt announced today that the Anne Arundel County Grand Jury has returned a second indictment against Delegate Tiffany Alston of Prince George's County. Delegate Alston was previously charged on September 23, 2011 with one count of felony theft, one count of misdemeanor theft, one count of fraudulent misappropriation by a fiduciary and two election law violations in connection with her misuse of campaign funds. Delegate Alston is now facing additional criminal charges of theft and misconduct in office in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County.

The new charges allege that Delegate Alston sought to pay an employee of her private law firm for her work for the firm by arranging for her to be added to the State payroll and paid by the Maryland General Assembly at a rate of \$100.00 per day as a legislative clerk to then newly-elected Delegate Alston. That employee, who was paid \$800.00 by the State of Maryland in January of 2011, never worked in Annapolis and just continued to perform her regular law firm duties for Delegate Alston's private law practice during the time period for which she was paid by the General Assembly. Alston's employee resigned from the law firm at the end of January, 2010.

The maximum penalties for the offenses charged in the two indictments charging Delegate Alston are as follows:

Felony Theft, 10 years incarceration and/or a fine of up to \$ 10,000.00 and restitution;

Misdemeanor Theft, 18 months incarceration and/or a fine of up to \$500.00 and restitution;

Misappropriation by a Fiduciary, imprisonment not exceeding five years;

Misconduct in Office, imprisonment

Election Law Offenses (each), 1 year incarceration and/or a fine up to \$25,000.00.

State Prosecutor Emmet C. Davitt stated:

“Public service is a public trust, and persons elected to represent the public in the General Assembly have been entrusted to use their office for the good of the public. The Office of the State Prosecutor will continue to vigorously investigate and prosecute public officers who betray the public trust and abuse their offices for personal gain.”

Although charged, the Defendant is presumed innocent unless and until there is a conviction.

STATE OF * IN THE
MARYLAND * CIRCUIT COURT
V. * FOR
TIFFANY ALSTON, * ANNE ARUNDEL
aka TIFFANY A. GRAY * COUNTY

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of Anne Arundel County do on their oath present that

COUNT 1

TIFFANY ALSTON, aka Tiffany A. Gray

from on or about the 7th of January, 2011 through and including on or about the 26th of January, 2011, at Anne Arundel County aforesaid, did steal money having a value less than **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)**, property of the State of Maryland, to wit: did willfully and knowingly use deception and exert unauthorized control over the funds of the State of Maryland for her personal use and benefit by causing an employee of her private law firm to be hired by the Maryland General Assembly under the false pretense that said employee was being hired and paid at the rate of \$100.00 per day for legislative services as a legislative clerk to newly elected Delegate TIFFANY ALSTON, while said employee in fact never worked in Annapolis and just continued to perform her regular law firm duties for the law practice of the said defendant, being paid the sum of \$800.00 by the State of Maryland for services provided to the private legal practice of the said TIFFANY ALSTON , which law firm paid nothing for said services , in violation of

Section § 7-104 of the *Criminal Law Article*, Annotated Code of Maryland and against the peace, government and dignity of the State

(Theft under \$1,000.00, *Criminal Law Article*, § 7-104)

(CJIS Code1-0621)

COUNT II

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present that the said

TIFFANY ALSTON, aka Tiffany A. Gray

from on or about the 7th of January, 2011 and through and including on or about the 26th day of January , 2011, at Anne Arundel County aforesaid, being then and there a newly elected member of the Maryland House of Delegates, in her official capacity and under the color of her public office, did, in violation and perversion of her duties as a Maryland State Delegate to uphold and obey the laws of the State of Maryland, commit malfeasance by corruptly stealing and converting to her own use money having a value less than **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)**, property of the State of Maryland, to wit: being then and there a duly elected Maryland State Delegate did willfully and knowingly use deception and exert unauthorized control over the funds of the State of Maryland for her personal use and benefit by causing an employee of her private law firm to be hired by the Maryland General Assembly under the false pretense that said employee was being hired and paid at the rate of \$100.00 per day for legislative services as a legislative clerk to newly elected Delegate TIFFANY ALSTON, while said employee in fact never worked in Annapolis and just continued to perform her regular

law firm duties for the law practice of the said defendant, being paid the sum of \$800.00 by the State of Maryland for services provided to the private legal practice of the said TIFFANY ALSTON , which law firm paid nothing for said services, in violation of the common law, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.

(Common Law)

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