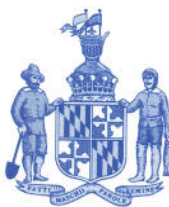


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**SENATOR ULYSSES CURRIE'S CAMPAIGN TREASURER
SENTENCED FOR STEALING OVER \$157,000.00 FROM
CAMPAIGN FUNDS**

The State Prosecutor, Emmet C. Davitt, announced today that Senator Ulysses Currie's campaign treasurer, Olivia Harris, was sentenced in Anne Arundel County Circuit Court for stealing over \$157,000.00 from campaign funds. The Honorable Paul A. Hackner imposed a sentence of five years' incarceration with all but twelve months of that sentence suspended. Following her release, Ms. Harris will be placed on ten years' probation and was ordered to pay \$116,372.00 in restitution. Ms. Harris had arrived in Court today with a \$40,978.00 check to repay the campaign account in part and an additional \$9,022.00 check to cover the unpaid Maryland tax liability on the ill-gotten monies.

In a statement of facts presented to the court in support of her guilty plea to felony theft on February 11, 2011, the State had explained that from January 2007 through April 2010, Ms. Harris made over 350 ATM withdrawals from the campaign fund account for her personal use, totaling \$157,350.00. Most of these withdrawals were made at 2 ATM machines located approximately one mile from Harris' Upper Marlboro home. Harris was able to continue with this scheme for years undetected as she did all the banking for the committee and was responsible for filing all of the committee's campaign finance reports with the State Board of Elections. She failed to report the withdrawals on the reports, in turn causing the campaign's funds to be greatly over reported. There is no indication that Senator Currie was aware of Harris' withdrawals.

State Prosecutor Emmet Davitt commented "Campaign officers are fiduciaries of the contributions that are committed to them. When they violate that trust, we will hold them accountable".