

FIRED SHERIFF WANTS JOB BACK



Erin M. Loffredo, who once worked as the coordinator for the Albany County Stop-DWI victim's, has recently filed a complaint with the court that claims her former supervisor, Leonard J. Crouch, and a former sheriff, James L. Campbell, influenced her to create a false address so that she would be able to meet the requirement for residency for employees of the program, according to the Times Union. Loffredo, who is 52 years old, has filed this petition four months after being fired by the sheriff's department due to an investigation that was ongoing at the time. The investigation took place due to the fact that Loffredo provided false addresses as her residency. Loffredo claims that while she did use fake addresses as her residency while on the job and since 2004, both Crouch and Campbell knew of this and actually told her that she should do it. With the petition being filed, Loffredo is requesting that her job be reinstated so that she can get back to work. If she is able to get her job back, she will go back to making more than \$50,000 each year. Loffredo has made claims that Crouch told her to use the fake addresses and that he plays a major role in the reason why she did such a thing. She also made claims that Campbell told her to use the address in which her husband is employed because Times Union was requesting Loffredo's employment records. Because she was told to do such a thing by people she trusted in her place of work, she believes that she does, in fact, deserve to have her job back. Loffredo has been living in Rensselaer County since the early 90's. She has also been a registered voter since this period in time. However, the records that were received by Times Union did not match up with her actual residency. Instead, these records indicated that she lived at an address which turned out to be a senior citizens home in Colonie. Loffredo says that Crouch and Campbell were aware of her actual location but advised her to use the address of the senior citizens homes as means of actually receiving employment. Crouch, who was a police commander in Albany, apparently notarized the employment application that Loffredo filled out which happened to contain the address for the senior citizens home. Loffredo is also making claims that in 2007, Crouch changed the address on her employment records and replaced it with the address of his mother-in-law. In April, Times Union made a request to see copies of her employment records and she claims that Campbell told her to change her address once again. Crouch has also been fired from his position in July. The department is continuing to investigate in hopes of finding out whether or not he did assist Loffredo with altering her address many times on the employment records.