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### Capitol Police get arrest in state fraud case

**RICHMOND** – An investigation by the Virginia Division of Capitol Police has led to the arrest of a woman on felony charges she fraudulently obtained nearly \$30,000 while working as a state government contractor.

Latoya S. Cook, 34, of Glen Allen, was indicted by a Henrico County grand jury on seven counts of obtaining money by false pretenses. Arrested July 2, Cook was granted bond Monday but is due back in Henrico Circuit Court for a status hearing Thursday.

Cook was arrested as a result of a Capitol Police probe regarding the loss of \$29,590.01 from Ampcus Inc., a Chantilly, Va.-based contractor for the Virginia Housing Development Authority. Officials with the housing authority told Capitol Police that from July 2016 to March 2017, Ampcus had been billing VHDA for work performed by Cook, and VHDA had in turn been paying Ampcus for it.

Cook, however, had been let go from her position on June 30, 2016. Cook's time sheets from July 2016 to March 2017 appeared to have the signature of her immediate supervisor, but Capitol Police investigators determined the time sheets and signatures were forgeries.

"Thefts from the Commonwealth of Virginia, its partners or other stakeholders will not be tolerated, whether they be monetary or in some other form," said Col. Anthony S. Pike, the Capitol Police chief. "We appreciate the vigilance of everyone working with us during this investigation."

While VHDA did not suffer a direct financial loss from the actions, the losses were incurred by Ampcus, a vendor participating in the state's program for small, women-owned and minority businesses.

The Capitol Police investigation was led by Special Agents J.M. Jones and J.L. Cosby Jr.

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