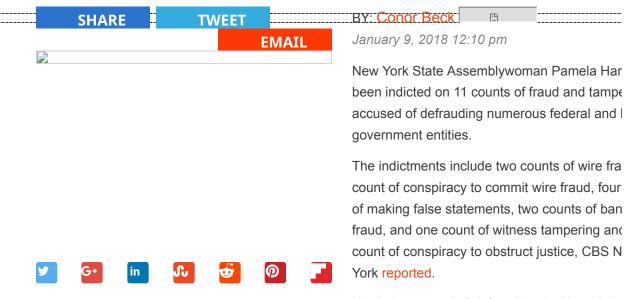
New York Assemblywoman Indicted on 11 Counts of Fraud, Witness Tampering



Harris is accused of defrauding the New York

Council, the city's Department of Youth and Community Development, the Federal Emergency Mana Agency, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the city's Build it Back Program & Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York. The alleged behavior took place between 201 2016.

The assemblywoman spent \$10,000 of stolen funds on vacation getaways—covering airline and cruit tickets for the politician and her husband—according to the 21-page federal indictment. She further u other funds to pay her lingerie tab at Victoria's Secret, New York Daily News reported.

"As alleged in the indictment, the defendant defrauded government agencies out of tens of thousand dollars in public funds and tried to fraudulently obtain even more," stated United States Attorney Ric Donoghue.

"She conducted her schemes victimizing the federal and New York City governments, and then obst federal investigation into her crimes while a sitting New York State Assemblywoman. When she lea law enforcement was investigating her various fraud schemes, she pressured witnesses to lie to the cover them up. This Office and our law enforcement partners are committed to ensuring that those serve the public are held accountable under the law to the same extent as the people they are privile serve," he added.

New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) Commissioner Mark G. Peters described to the chibeing a result of "brazen corruption."

"The brazen corruption charged as a result of this investigation tramples on the very definition of a p servant," stated Peters. "This elected official exploited the public she was elected to serve by stealii City and federal programs and then concealing the fraud with false statements and asking witnesses obstruct the investigation, according to the indictment."

As NBC New York points out, despite the fact Harris's biography calls her a "vocal advocate" for Hui Sandy relief efforts, part of the money she allegedly stole was money designated for FEMA relief eff

UPDATE 1:08 PM: This piece was updated to include additional details of how Harris allegedly usec stolen funds.

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