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FINANCIAL OFFICER LINDA MANSI CHARGED WITH NUMEROUS FELONIES IN THEFT OF MORE THAN \$1.2 MILLION FROM BUSINESS

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (July 28, 2023) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Bridgeport Borough Police Chief Todd J. Bereda announce the arrest of Linda Mansi, 53, of Tuckerton, N.J., on numerous felony counts related to the theft of more than \$1.2 million from Arnold's Office Furniture and Sunline Supply Company, headquartered in Bridgeport.

Jay and Jordan Berkowitz, owners of Arnold's Office Furniture and Sunline Supply Company, contacted the Bridgeport Police on Feb. 7, 2023, to report a significant theft of company funds by Mansi, who was employed by the company since 2015. During that time, Mansi held various positions within the company, from bookkeeper to her most recent role of vice president of finance and human resources, but in each position, she was responsible for the accounts payable/receivable, credit/debit cards, payroll and other financial activities, including managing the QuickBooks financial accounting software. The owners told police they recently became aware of personal payments to Mansi totaling more than \$1 million from an account where the defendant was the sole person with account access and oversight.

The Bridgeport Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau began a joint investigation into the apparent theft. The investigation found that from January 2016 until her termination in February 2023, when company owners discovered the theft, Mansi made unauthorized purchases and cash withdrawals from company accounts totaling \$1,271,315.72, which she used for her own personal enrichment and expenses, as well as those of her family members.

The individual theft amounts varied widely from a few dollars to thousands of dollars and included payments for routine household expenses as well as expenditures for her son's prison commissary, legal costs and phone accounts; online gambling sites including Fanduel; travel expenses such as airline tickets, hotels and rental cars, including a trip to Miami for her son's 21st birthday; tickets for sporting events including Phillies season tickets as well as concert tickets through StubHub and Ticketmaster; doctor and medical expenses for herself and family members; and jewelry stores, Coach, Etsy and other online shopping sites. The defendant also made 388 ATM and bank withdrawals totaling \$146,957.16, made

560 payments to family and friends via Paypal, and overpaid her salary by \$19,000 in 2022 through false payroll submissions.

"A local Montgomery County business now faces significant financial hardship because of someone who preyed upon the company owners' trust. Sadly, this situation is not completely uncommon," said DA Steele. "This case is a reminder that businesses and non-profit organizations need to have checks and balances on any individual who handles the company's finances. It's the only way to assure the safety of the business or organization's money."

Mansi is charged with multiple felony counts of Theft by Unlawful Taking, Theft by Deception, Theft by Failing to Make Required Dispositions, Receiving Stolen Property, Forgery, Criminal Use of a Communications Facility and other related charges. She turned herself into police on July 27, 2023 and was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Edward Levine, who set bail at \$100,000 unsecured, with the stipulation that she could not travel outside of Pennsylvania or New Jersey. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9:15 a.m., Aug. 9, 2023, before Magisterial District Judge James P. Gallagher.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gwendolyn Kull, captain of the Economic Crimes Unit.

Approved for release:
Kevin R. Steele

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