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EX-CITY OF GENEVA EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO USING CITY CREDIT CARD FOR PERSONAL USE

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A former Geneva city employee has pleaded guilty to Class 1 felony theft and agreed to repay the city after he stole more than \$28,000 from the city by using a city-issued credit card to purchase items for personal use.

Stephen R. LeMaire, 55 (d.o.b. 12-4-1956) of the 400 block of Banbury Avenue, Geneva, today agreed with the Kane County State's Attorney to a sentence of 2½ years' probation and 100 hours of community service in exchange for a guilty plea to one count of theft, a Class 1 felony.

In addition, LeMaire is paying the city \$28,478.10 in restitution in the amount of at least \$200 a month.

Circuit Judge Timothy Q. Sheldon accepted the plea.

Between Feb. 14, 2006, and Jan. 1, 2012, LeMaire, at the time the streets superintendent for the city of Geneva, Ill., used a city-issued credit card to purchase thousands of dollars' worth of items for personal use. The amount of the unauthorized purchases was more than \$10,000 and less than \$100,000. LeMaire acknowledged that he knew his personal use of the card was in violation of city policy.

LeMaire had been free since his arrest on \$2,500 bond.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Christina Wascher.