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## **Charges Dropped Against Former NYSCOPBA Member and New York State Employee**

### ***Oneida County Grand Jury Refuses To Indict Defendant***

***Marcy , NY*** – A former NYSCOPBA member and New York State Office of Mental Health Employee, who was charged with three felonies by the State Inspector General's Office last May, was cleared of her charges after the Grand Jury in Oneida County failed to indict her.

Wendy Jarvis, who was a Security Hospital Treatment Assistant at Central New York Psychiatric Center (CNYPC), was formerly charged by Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott in May on one count of first degree endangering the welfare of an incompetent or psychically disabled person and two counts of first degree filing a false instrument.

The charges against Jarvis were dismissed on September 21, when the grand jury did not find enough evidence to indict her.

Jarvis, who is no longer employed at CNYPC, resigned her position before the grand jury finding.

"It is extremely unfortunate that our member was formerly charged by the Inspector General after it was very clear from the onset that there was not enough evidence to prosecute her. Our members work in the most violent and dangerous environments in NYS without any protections. They are constantly attacked and injured by violent inmate patients, who go unpunished without any criminal charges or consequences. It is unfortunate that a hard working individual chose to resign her position as a result of these baseless charges and allegations. When will New York State protect our members from the violence and baseless alleged claims against them? Thankfully the grand jury recognized that there was not enough evidence to pursue this matter any further.", stated John Harmon, NYSCOPBA Law Enforcement Vice President.