

## **SUMMARY**

### **Transit Worker Convicted for Stealing "Time"**

On June 27, 2012, David Varlack, a New York City Transit Signal Maintenance Supervisor, pleaded guilty to grand larceny, a class E felony, was sentenced to a conditional discharge for three years, and paid made restitution of \$18,421.00, representing the amount of money he stole from the New York City Transit Authority by claiming that he was working when, in fact, he was not. Through a court-ordered GPS surveillance warrant, the MTA-IG and the New York County District Attorney's Office established that, instead of working, Varlack was doing personal shopping, driving out of state, spending time at his home, and otherwise not doing his job.

Commenting on Varlack's arrest and conviction, MTA Inspector General Barry L. Kluger said: "Combating fraud against the MTA is a top priority for our office. While we make effective use of "old-fashioned" footwork to expose criminal activity, we also use sophisticated technology, with appropriate respect for privacy interests, to help apprehend those who steal from the public." Mr. Kluger also noted: "Because we value and follow up on tips from individuals, I encourage every MTA employee and rider to be alert to similar scams and to use the MTA Inspector General 24-hour Complaint Hotline (1-800-662-4448) (MTA-IG4U) to report suspicious activity."

#### **Press**

[NY Daily News article 4-6-12 - Time to run](#)