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Corrections Officer Charged With Felonies

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A corrections officer at the Watertown Correctional Facility has been arrested on three felony charges.

State police charged 51 year old Steven Laplaca with:

- third-degree grand larceny
- first-degree falsifying business records
- workers compensation fraud

Laplaca is accused of providing false documentation for an alleged on-duty injury.

He allegedly collected \$16,124 from the New York State Insurance Fund/Workers Compensation with the false documentation.

According to police, the alleged on-duty injury was documented as occurring at the Watertown Correctional Facility on April 11, 2013, while Laplaca was responding to a personal alarm in the facility.

Laplaca returned to work on July 1.

He was arraigned on the charges in Watertown Town Court and released on his own recognizance.

His case will go before a grand jury.