

Cincinnati Woman Admits to Stealing Almost \$200,000 from Luxottica

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Kennyetta Louis, 34, of Cincinnati pled guilty today to identity fraud, a felony of the second degree and aggravated theft, a felony of the third degree.

Louis formerly worked as a temporary employee for Luxottica Retail as Manager of Corporate Credit Division. While in this capacity, she was notified of the death of a Luxottica employee and was directed by the company to cancel the company American Express card that was issued to the deceased employee. Instead, Louis called American Express and advised them to begin sending the credit card statements to her home address.

During the time of July through November of 2014, Louis charged \$189,652 in various items and services, such as clothing, jewelry, appliances, new windows for her residence, airline tickets, hotel rooms, entertainment tickets, and dental services. Louis told investigators she stole the items because she felt she was underpaid.

“There are probably times when everyone feels like they should be compensated more by their employer. But for Ms. Louis to rationalize that she was underpaid by almost \$50,000 per month—I think she might have an inflated sense of the value of her work for Luxottica,” said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

The Court ordered a pre-sentence investigation. Louis will be sentenced on June 10, 2015 in front of Judge Robert Peeler.



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