

## Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor



## **Employee Charged with Stealing Computers** and Other Items from Mott Community College

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**FLINT -** Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has charged a Grand Blanc man and former employee of Mott Community College (Mott) with four felonies related to the theft of numerous items from the school.

Terrelle R. Lee, 31 (d.o.b. 5/17/79) of Grand Blanc Township, is charged with:

Count I: Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property Over \$20,000

Felony: 10 years and or \$15,000 or three times the value of the property stolen

Count II: Using a Computer to Commit a Crime for which the penalty for the underlying crime is 10 years or more but less

than 20 years.

Felony: 10 years and/or \$10,000

Count III: Larceny over \$20,000

Felony: 10 years and/or \$15,000 or three times the value of the property stolen

Count IV: Larceny in a Building

Felony: 4 years and/or \$5,000

According to an investigation by the Mott Department of Public Safety, Lee had been employed at the college in the Facilities Department as a temporary employee since February of 2006. In February of this year, Mott Public Safety officers were notified that five computers belonging to Mott had been reported missing from a locked closet in the Prahl Learning Center on the college campus.

Mott's investigation lead them to Lee. Investigators determined that several of the computers had been sold on eBay and Lee had been stealing computers and many other items from Mott for several years. The investigation revealed that Lee would sell these items on eBay, to friends and family, or would convert them to his own use.

"I want to commend the Mott Public Safety Department and Chief Theresa Stephens-Lock for their hard work and thoroughness in cracking this case," said Prosecutor Leyton.

"Mott College plays in important role in preparing local residents for a variety of career paths and job skills and when thefts like this happen, it is really like stealing from the entire community," he said. "We will not tolerate such activity at any level and perpetrators will be held accountable under the law."

Lee has been arraigned on the charges in 68<sup>th</sup> District Court and a pre-trial date was set for March 29<sup>th</sup>.