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Police investigator charged with theft

DATELINE: HERKIMER N.Y.

A police investigator in central New York is charged with stealing more than \$9,600 from the police evidence room to feed a gambling habit.

Robert Risi, an 18-year veteran with the Herkimer Police Department, was charged Wednesday with felony grand larceny as well as misconduct and petit larceny.

The 42-year-old pleaded not guilty at an arraignment in Herkimer County Court and freed on \$20,000 bail, to reappear in court July 2. He's suspended without pay.

Risi's lawyer, George Aney, said he wants to review Risi's statement to police before commenting on the case.

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