

# Tops Friendly Markets employees busted for running coupon scam

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CHEEKTOWAGA – The Tops Friendly Markets Thruway Plaza location recently wrote out pink slips and called the police after learning several employees were committing larceny against the business.

Cheektowaga Police Captain Michael Sliwinski tells Cheektowaga Chronicle that seven employees were arrested and charged with Petit Larceny. The arrests were made throughout the late afternoon and evening of October 17th.

The following employees were charged:

Chad Woodward of Walden Avenue; Damon McCreary of Genesee Street; Carolyn Willis of Walden Avenue; Justin Chambers of Shirley Avenue; Justin Tomczyk of Boll Street; Athena Hawkins of Griffith Street; and Santino Sanfilippo of N. Ogden Street.

Police say the employees were running coupon scams to benefit themselves, each other, and other customers. It is unknown at this time if all the employees were working together.

Cheektowaga Chronicle received an email from an individual claiming to be Santino Sanfilippo late Monday night. He writes, "Recently you've [sic] posted an article with my name included without my knowledge and would like to have it removed. The information is false in my involvement and would like to not be included in the article."

*Each defendant was charged with petit larceny. (CPD Mugs)*