

# \$1 million theft charged

## Law firm secretary allegedly looted client fund

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WATERBURY — A former secretary for a city law firm was arrested Wednesday on charges she stole more than \$1 million and forged dozens of checks and documents.

Barbara Kalpin, 47, of 43 Princess Pine Path in Southington, faces two counts of first-degree larceny and 112 counts of

second-degree forgery from two separate investigations by Waterbury police into missing funds and the forgery of legal documents.

According to the police investigation, Kalpin wrote 93 checks from a client fund she managed at her longtime employer, Grady & Riley of Waterbury. Police said Kalpin used the account to write checks to pay her credit card bills, to pay off multiple mort-

gages on her home and to take out cash.

A police investigation into Kalpin's credit cards between January 2009 and October 2012 showed 716 charges from Sports Haven, a horse- and dog-race betting establishment in New Haven, totaling \$571,658.

Other charges on the credit cards included \$142,552.15 in



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