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Yonkers fires worker accused of stealing city road salt

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YONKERS — The city fired a public works employee Thursday after police said they found him selling municipal road salt to a private landscaper.

Edward Maier, an environmental maintenance worker in the Department of Public Works, was terminated during a personnel hearing after police observed him and a landscaper loading salt onto a private truck Jan. 18 at the city's salt dome, behind the municipal skating rink near Tuckahoe Road, Deputy Mayor William Regan said. Regan did not identify the salt purchaser.

Yonkers police spokesman Sgt. Patrick McCormack said no arrests had been made as of Thursday afternoon.

Regan said the salt theft was discovered after a tipster contacted the mayor's office and complained that a city worker was selling salt for \$30 a truckload, which might cost \$130 if purchased legitimately.

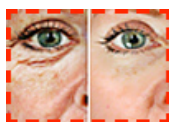
City officials then contacted the police, who set up a surveillance operation at the salt dome.

Regan said he did not know how long the theft had been going on. The deputy mayor could not say how much salt was stolen.

"It's a locked facility and he had to go up there and open the fence," Regan said.

"He had a key or got a key," the deputy mayor continued. "Obviously, the lock has been changed."

According to city salary records, Maier was a Teamsters union member hired on Jan. 9, 1990.



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His gross pay in 2009 was \$91,451.33.


The Journal News has not obtained the city's 2010 salaries data yet.

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