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MTA LIRR Conductor Finds \$2,830 In Cash On Train And Returns Property To Owner

Customers who lose items urged to file report online

One of Long Island Rail Road train conductor Larry Pinkham, Jr.'s duties is to walk through his train after all customers leave at the final stop, checking for items passengers may have left behind. He did just that on Tuesday (January 12) when the 2:52 PM train from Penn Station completed its run at Huntington (at 3:59 PM), Pinkham was checking the train when he came across what he described as "a wallet that was large and bulky" right near the window seat of one of the cars. The wallet turned out to contain \$2,830 in cash and, luckily, identification of its owner.

As per railroad procedure, Conductor Pinkham, a 10-year LIRR veteran, turned in the wallet and its contents to LIRR managers at the railroad's Lost and Found Office in Penn Station. The cash was tagged and deposited for safe keeping and its owner, David Sperling, an attorney from Huntington, was contacted.

"Our Lost & Found operation depends on our employees who are responsible for turning in the items they find," said LIRR President Helena E. Williams. "We're very proud of Conductor Pinkham, who did the right thing at the right time. His actions are in the highest tradition of LIRR customer service."

Customers who lose an item are urged to file a report online by going to www.mta.info and following the link to the LIRR site. The LIRR Lost and Found Office is located at Penn Station and is open 7:20 AM to 7:20 PM, Monday through Friday. The phone number is 212-643-5228.