



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

I, Dan Luttrell, a Detective with the Sheriff's Office, Taney County, Missouri, upon my oath and under penalties of perjury, state as follows---

I have probable cause to believe that **Carla D. Combs**, committed one or more criminal offenses.

#1.) Stealing

The criminal offenses occurred on or before October 15, 2019 at 15405 State Hwy 160, Forsyth, Taney County, Missouri.

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: On Tuesday, October 15, 2019, I was doing a follow-up investigation on a theft from Forsyth City Hall. On Wednesday, November 27, 2019 I was contacted by one of the Forsyth City Alderman. The Alderman explained that a customer had contacted the City Office and had some questions about her account. When the Alderman looked in the computer it did not show a cash deposit.

The Alderman stated two City Clerks located the receipt book in Carla Combs, the Utility Clerks desk and noticed (2) - deposit slips with no money attached and they both were cash. When Carla Combs arrived back at work, she was contacted by her supervisor asking where the money was that went with the (2) - deposit slips. Carla Combs told her that she did not know and stated the computer must have messed up or made a mistake.

They started looking around the office for the cash and located (5) twenty bills behind Carla's desk. The Alderman stated that they were also missing another \$100.00 cash deposit that had been paid in (2) - fifty-dollar bills.

Later that afternoon Carla Combs had left to go to post office and when she returned, Carla Combs asked if they looked in the recycle bin in which they all stated no. They pulled the bin out from under the counter and located the (2) - fifties in the recycle bin which appeared that someone or somehow the fifties fell into the recycle bin under the counter and they were found folded in half along the side of the edge inside of the bin. However, personal bank records of the former Utility Clerk Carla Combs indicate she cashed a personal check for \$100 at approximately 12 p.m. on November 27, 2019, and the bank provided her 2, \$50 dollar bills for the withdrawal.

In December 2019, I contacted the State Auditor's Office and requested assistance in reviewing discrepancies and accounting irregularities related to utility deposits and billings.

The State Auditor's Office found between May 2019 and November 2019, Carla Combs did not deposit over \$2000.00 of documented utility deposits, which were all paid in cash. During the interview with the State Auditor's Office, Carla Combs could not explain why the money was not deposited, but felt responsible and would be willing to pay them back.

Dan Luttrell
Investigator
Taney County Sheriff's Office

I hereby state that all facts contained in this statement are true and I am aware that I may be punished by law for any false statements made.

____Dan Luttrell ____
Detective Dan Luttrell