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Clerk of Court Employee arrested on Theft Charges

Sheriff Greg Champagne reports the arrest of Tina Bourque, an employee with the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court's Office, for: theft, malfeasance and injuring public records for taking funds intended for the payment of traffic citations.

Between January and March of 2011, Bourque, who is assigned to process traffic court records, allegedly took payments for two speeding tickets in the amount of \$116 for each ticket and allegedly kept both payments. The theft was discovered November 2, 2011 after a person paying Bourque for a traffic citation later received notification of withdrawal of driving privileges for not paying for traffic fines. The check provided to Bourque did not list a payee. A subsequent investigation revealed the check payee was listed as Cash and that Bourque cashed the check at a local store. An additional citation was paid for with cash. Court records show the charges were nolle prossed with no record of payment.

St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court Charles Oubre and his office has cooperated with this investigation. This matter is still under investigation with additional charges possible.

Sheriff Champagne is asking anyone who may have sought assistance from Mrs. Bourque for traffic citations to contact the Criminal Investigations Division at 985-783-1135 to determine if the matter was resolved appropriately.

Bourque's bond was set at \$25,000. She was released yesterday by posting \$2,530.

ARRESTEE (Name, Age, Sex): Bourque, Tina, 41, F

ADDRESS: 165 Martin Lane Des Allemands, LA

CHARGE(S): Malfeasance in Office (2cts.), Theft under \$500 (2cts.), Injuring Public Records

PLACE OF ARREST: Nelson Coleman Correctional Center

DATE OF ARREST: 11-7-11/1750 hrs.

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