ADULT - COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

Incident Number 201108257

IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

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ARRESTING AGENCY/REPORT # H.C.P.D. **201108257**
ARRESTING OFFICER **Adams 540**
AGENCY ORI **FL0531300** OBTS #
DATE/TIME OF ARREST
PLACE OF ARREST

CITY OF **HAINES CITY** COUNTY OF **POLK** STATE OF FLORIDA:
The undersigned affiant swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that on **5/24/2011** at approximately **10:00 AM** in the vicinity of **2800 Hornet Drive** Haines City, Polk County, Florida.
Defendant:
NAME: **Pugh, Alethea**
ADDRESS: [redacted] **Haines City FL** PHONE:
D.L. #: [redacted] ST: **FL** SS#: [redacted] DOB **03/13/69** R / S **B / F**
HT: **508** WT: **150** HAIR: **Black** EYES: **Brown** POB: MARITAL STATUS: **Married**
SCARS: COMP: **Dark** BUILD: **Medium** SPEECH: **Unknown** OCCUPATION: **Insuance Agent**
EMPLOYER: **State Farm Ins.** PHONE:
(JUV-PARENTS): PHONE:

committed the offense(s) of :

1.	**1** count(s) of **GRAND THEFT $10,000. OR MORE < $20,000**	FSS/MO/CO	**812.014 2 C**	LEVEL/DEGREE	**F / 2**
2.	**0** count(s) of	FSS/MO/CO		LEVEL/DEGREE	**/ 0**
3.	**0** count(s) of	FSS/MO/CO		LEVEL/DEGREE	**/ 0**
4.	**0** count(s) of	FSS/MO/CO		LEVEL/DEGREE	**/ 0**

WARRANT TO BE SERVED

PROBABLE CAUSE
(See attached statement of probable cause.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, this **27th** day of **July** **2011**

Deputy Clerk/Notary Public/LEO

Affiant #540

Co-Defendants:
Victims: **HCHS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**
Witnesses: **Napier Paul** [redacted]

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POLK COUNTY COURT
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NOTICE TO APPEAR

I agree to appear in Court located at **To Be Set**, Florida on at to answer to the charge(s) in this complaint. I understand that a willful failure to appear will result in a warrant for my arrest and may be a new offense.

7/27/2011
Date

Defendant

☐ NO BILL/PETITION ☐ PROSECUTION APPROVED

Assistant State Attorney

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AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION

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PROBABLE CAUSE:

Between November 2010 and May 2011, the suspect identified as Alethea Pugh willfully, intentionally and without permission stole approximately $11,500.00 from the victim with the intent to permanently and/or temporarily deprive the owner of its use and/or value.

In November of 2010 the suspect became the President for the Haines City High School Booster Club. The purpose for the funds in the Booster Club account is to fund sporting activities and activities related to the sporting events. (i.e... banquets, room and board for away events, uniforms, ect...) The receipts for approved events and functions are kept by the Treasurer for review. There are four members assigned to the board of officers for the booster club. Alethea Pugh (President), Brian Grip (Vice President), Napier Paul (Treasurer) and Betsy Pynes (Secretary). Pugh has been President since September, 2010 and Paul has been Treasurer since November, 2010.

As part of Pugh's duties she and one other person have the responsibility of maintaining the booster club's financial records. The President and Treasurer have dual control over the finances as far as issuing checks on the clubs behalf; first a request is submitted to the Principal by the athletic staff. Once approved by the Principal, it is forwarded to the Treasurer. If the funds are available, a check will be drawn by the Treasurer, signed and then given to the President for the second signature and then issued out. While either of the two can make a cash withdrawal from the account in person as intended for emergency requirements, the initial approval process is still required. In May of 2011, it was brought to the attention of several members of the club that there was a large discrepancy in the account balance. When asked at a club meeting, Pugh changed the subject and moved on. After a review of the finances, the Haines City Police Department was notified of possible criminal actions and an investigation was launched.

It was discovered that the President, Alethea Pugh, had made several cash withdrawals from the account over a period of seven months that totaled approximately $11,500.00. This was confirmed with bank statements and cash withdrawal receipts. Bank tellers advised that they identified the person making the withdrawals by a state photo identification and comparing the signatures on the account with the one presented. They then entered the identification information into the computer in order to coincide with the transaction. In all the incidents where a cash withdrawal has been made, Alethea Pugh's Driver's License is documented as being presented at the time of the transaction. One of the tellers was able to identify the suspect in a photo pack of six similar photographs. She identified Alethea Pugh as the person who made two cash withdrawals from the drive through window.

After speaking with Mrs. Pugh during a tapped sworn statement, she stated that she had only conducted the cash withdrawals at the request of the treasurer. She had no knowledge that requests were being done improperly. She advised that the cash withdrawals were being conducted to pay bills because she thought there were no checks to be issued. She gave the cash funds back to the treasurer in the money envelope supplied by the bank in order to do so.

Documentation supplied within the Haines City High School Booster Club's account ledger shows that Pugh had been signing checks to be issued to venders on the same day that several of the cash withdrawals were made. This cast doubt on her statement that she only made them due to a lack of checks to issue. There was no proof offered in reference to giving the cash back to the treasurer. The whole time that the cash withdrawals were being made Pugh did not investigate or bring the cash withdrawals to the attention of any other club officials' or the Principal.

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Based on the fact that Mrs. Alethea Pugh has taken out approximately $11,500.00 in cash from the account without proper authorization as indicated by the Treasurer and the money was never delivered for any booster club functions or purchases as indicated by the coaching staff and Principal. Pugh is being charged with the grand theft.

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afk R. Adams #540
Affiant

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