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Nature: Theft Investigation

Releasing Agency: O'Brien County Sheriff's Office

The O'Brien County Sheriff's Office has completed a lengthy investigation into a theft complaint from Calumet Carriers, in Calumet, Iowa. Calumet Carriers is comprised of three businesses: C-S Agrow, Hicks Electric and Concrete Guys. In October of 2016, the owners of the company contacted the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office after they discovered evidence of misappropriation of business funds by Jamie Riedemann, the business office manager.

A deputy with the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office and a special agent with the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation completed an investigation into this case. On Tuesday August 8, 2017, deputies with the O'Brien County Sheriff's Office arrested 32-year-old Jamie Riedemann of Calumet, Iowa on an O'Brien County arrest warrant. The arrest warrant was based on numerous charges filed on August 1, 2017. The charges included one count of Theft 1st Degree, a class C felony, three counts of Theft 2nd Degree, all of which are Class D felonies, three counts of Theft by Credit Card, two of which are class D felonies and one of which is an aggravated misdemeanor. There also was one count of Tampering With Records, which is an aggravated misdemeanor.

Riedemann is alleged to have used her position as Office Manager at the business to purchase unauthorized items for personal use, create fraudulent reports that inaccurately showed the amount of hours she worked, paid herself for unauthorized claims for reimbursement, and misappropriated company funds to pay for personal expenses. The defendant is also alleged to have removed a record from the records management system to cover up one of the thefts. The thefts from Calumet Carriers totaled an amount over \$40,000.

Following the arrest Riedemann was transported to the O'Brien County Jail on a \$25,000 bond. She was booked into the jail and later made an initial appearance before O'Brien County Magistrate Jeffrey Queck. Magistrate Queck set an unsecured appearance bond of \$10,000 and Riedemann was released from jail later that day. Riedemann will be required to make an appearance in O'Brien County District Court at a later date.

If convicted a class C felony is punishable by 10 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine, a class D felony is punishable by five years in prison and up to a \$7,500 fine and an aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by two years in prison and up to a \$6,250 fine. The case is being prosecuted by the O'Brien County Attorney's Office.

The criminal charges are merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.