

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
PLAINTIFF,)
vs.)
SHANNON MARIE RICKARDS)
DEFENDANT,)
W/F, DOB 05/03/72)
SSN [REDACTED])
2936 W. Hill Street)
Oklahoma City, OK 73112)

Case No. CF - 2013 - 2775

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

I, Daniel Prykryl, do attest that the following is true and factual to the best of my knowledge in regards to the following information. I am currently employed as an Investigator for the State of Oklahoma, Office of Attorney General assigned to the Public Protection Unit.

On January 23, 2013, I was assigned to investigate an embezzlement from the Coppermark Bank account of the Our Sisters' Closet store owned by the YWCA. The Our Sisters' Closet store is a resale shop where individuals can donate items which are later sold for the benefit of the YWCA and its programs. The suspect in the embezzlement was **Shannon Rickards**, who was the Chief Financial Officer for the YWCA during the time of the embezzlement. The embezzlement took place between October 2010 and January 2013 and involved the use of two Check (debit) Cards by **Rickards** which she had issued on the Coppermark account and numerous ATM Machines where she made cash withdrawals totaling over \$280,000.00.

On or about September 2010, **Rickards** applied for 3 Check (debit) Cards for the Our Sisters' Closet account at Coppermark Bank. The cards were to be issued in the names of Janet Peery, Debra Stanaland and Cindy Reynolds and each person signed the authorization for the issuance of the cards. Cindy Reynolds was the only one of the three to receive her card. Peery and Stanaland did not receive their cards and had no need for such a card since Reynolds was in charge of the store. **Rickards** kept the other two cards when they arrived from the bank and eventually converted them to her own use to withdraw cash from various ATM machines.

On or about January 4, 2013, Charlotte Long, a finance clerk for the YWCA noticed an unauthorized ATM cash withdrawal of \$500.00 on a BancFirst account belonging to the YWCA. Long notified **Rickards** about the withdrawal but **Rickards** tried to downplay it as something the bank would take care of and eventually reimburse the money. However, Debra Stanaland wanted

more done to find out who had actually withdrawn the money. After further investigation by Stanaland and the bank, they determined that **Rickards** had been the one who actually made the \$500.00 withdrawal. **Rickards** was terminated from her position with the YWCA due to this embezzlement by her.

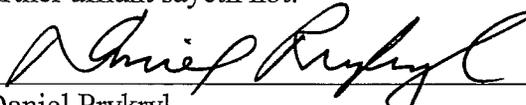
On January 8, 2013, Debra Stanaland and Jackie Steyn met with **Rickards** regarding her embezzlement of money from the BancFirst account at which time **Rickards** did admit to taking the money from the BancFirst account. However, **Rickards** proceeded to tell them that there was more than this and admitted to them she had been embezzling money from the Our Sisters' Closet account at Coppermark Bank by withdrawing money from ATM machines using the Check (debit) Cards which were issued on the account. **Rickards** estimated she had stolen between \$150,000.00 and \$200,000.00 from the account over a period of approximately 1½ to 2 years. **Rickards** also admitted to altering bank statements to cover-up the embezzlement.

On February 6, 2013, I interviewed **Shannon Rickards** regarding the embezzlement. **Rickards** admitted to embezzling money from the Our Sisters' Closet account and thought she had stolen approximately \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00. **Rickards** admitted that all the cash withdrawals from ATM machines listed in the bank statements were done by her using the cards belonging to Peery and Stanaland. **Rickards** did not contest the figure of approximately \$280,000.00 when she was advised that this was the amount she had actually stolen.

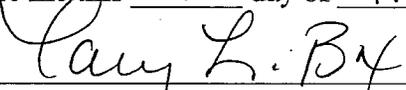
In summary, **Rickards** converted two Check (debit) Cards to her own use without the permission of the YWCA and then proceeded to use those cards to make cash withdrawals totaling \$283,410.00 from the Our Sisters' Closet account during the time period of October 2010 through January 2013.

Based on my investigation and the information I received, your Affiant believes probable cause exists to show that the Defendant, **Shannon Marie Rickards**, has committed (1) felony count of Embezzlement, Title 21 O.S. § 1451. The undersigned asks that this court issue a finding of fact that there is probable cause to believe that the above named Defendant committed this crime and issue a warrant for the arrest of **Shannon Marie Rickards**.

Further affiant sayeth not.


Daniel Prykryl

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 9 day of May 2013.


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Violation & Penalty

21 O.S. § 1451

Not more than 10 years and/or

Not more than \$10,000 fine

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