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PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST
Name: Sander Martins on
Mailing Adress: the Spokensman Porcer
Telephone Number:
l am requesting a copy or to examine certain records from the Coeur d'Alene Police Department which may be identified as follows: 100 359 20
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Accepted by:
[] Response delayed.
Additional time is necessary to locate or retrieve the requested public records. You should have a response no later that 10 working days following the date of your request.
[] Documents not known to exist or statute of limitation has expired for retention.
[] The Coeur d'Alene Police Department is not the custodian of the requested record.
DATE RECEIVED BY CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: 62-11
Request reviewed by: WES SOMERTON 1-13-11 Title: DEPUTY CETY AttorNEY
Release without redaction Release as redacted by attorney Denied*
Statutory/Legal Authority for Denial: 9,-335(1) Only Report, No Encence identification or specific Evidence information to be released
*The party requesting the denied records has 180 days from the date of mailing this notice of denial to file a petition contesting the denial with the District Court in Kootenai County. The City of Coeur d'Alene shall keep all documents or records in question until the end of the 180 day appeal period or until a decision has been rendered on a properly filed appeal, whichever is longer.



Coeur d'Alene Police

Report for CDA Incident 10C35920

Nature: THEFT GRAND

Location: 81

Address: 451 N GOVERNMENT WAY

COEUR D'ALENE ID 83814

Offense Codes: FSCG

Received By: R.THORMAHLEN

How Received: O

Agency: CDA

Responding Officers:

Responsible Officers: R.JOHNSON

Disposition: ACT 12/07/10

When Reported: 11:05:59 12/07/10

Occurred Between: 11:04:31 12/07/10 and 11:04:31 12/07/10

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant: 9301

Last: CDAPD

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address: 3818 N SCHREIBER WAY

Race:

Sex:

Phone: (208)769-2320

City: COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815

Offense Codes

Reported: NC Not Classified

Observed: FSCG Fraud-Swindle/Confidence

Game

Additional Offense: FSCG Fraud-Swindle/Confidence

Game

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

Unit : K61

R.JOHNSON

Responsible Officer: R.JOHNSON

Received By: R.THORMAHLEN

How Received: O Officer Report

When Reported: 11:05:59 12/07/10

Judicial Status:

Misc Entry:

Agency: CDA

Last Radio Log: **:**: ** **/**

Clearance: 6 REPORT TAKEN

Disposition: ACT Date: 12/07/10

Occurred between: 11:04:31 12/07/10

and: 11:04:31 12/07/10

Modus Operandi:

Description:

Method:

Involvements

Date

Type

Description

12/07/10

Name

CDAPD,

Complainant

12/07/10

Name

ENGLISH, DANIEL JAY

MENTIONED

12/16/10

12/07/10 12/07/10 12/07/10 12/07/10 12/07/10 12/07/10 12/09/10 12/07/10	Name Name Name Name Name Cad Call Property Property	MARTINSON, SANDRA KAY MCHUGH, BARRY TAYLOR, KEITH ERIC KOOTENAI CO, CAFFERTY, JOHN ALLAN 11:05:59 12/07/10 THEFT Cash 70825 DOCUMENT CHECKS PHOTO COPIES 0	SUSPECT MENTIONED MENTIONED VICTIM MENTIONED Initiating Call STOLEN EVIDENCE
12/07/10 12/08/10	Property Evidence	COPIES OF CHECKS PHOTO COPIES O	Evidence Incident

Narrative

OFFICER: R. Johnson K61

FELONY: XXX MISDEMEANOR:

CRIME: Grand Theft

CODE: 18-2403

NARRATIVE:

On 120710, Lt. Heintz and I met with Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney Barry McHugh, Kootenai County Clerk Dan English, Kootenai County Senior Auditor Keith Taylor, and Kootenai County Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney John Cafferty in the KCPA's conference room. The purpose of this meeting was to report a recent finding of theft which had been occurring for several years within the Kootenai County Clerk's office.

The following is a synopsis of what I learned had transpired: Dan English has been the Kootenai County Clerk for approximately the last 15 years and was preceded by Tom Taggart. Tom had appointed Sandra Martinson as his Deputy County Clerk. She remained in this position until a few weeks ago when ghe retired. Dan pointed out that Sandra did leave this job for a brief period, but returned after a short period of absence.

Keith explained that while going through a vendor file labeled "OPC Oct 01-Sept 03", 3 pages containing photo copies of checks were located in the file. These papers were out of place and didn't belong in this vendor's file. The copies were of checks # from the US Bank account number

(***Daniel J. English" stamp on the signature line. Check was filled out in more detail. It was written to "Sandra Martinson" for \$500.00, dated 01-09-03, and also had the "Daniel J. English" stamp on the signature line. This copy has white-out over Sandra's name making it difficult to read, but still possible. It should be noted that this paper has an actual white-out type correction fluid over Sandra's name and one can physically feel the raised surface.

Upon speaking with those people mentioned above, it seems that Sandra was writing checks to herself from the "Clerk of the District Court" account

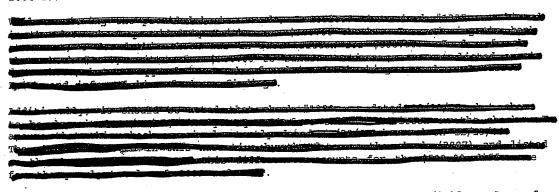
She deposited these into her own personal bank account at US

Bank. Sandra would sometimes use white-out fluid to alter the payee line on the bank statements and would change them to an actual vendor's name. These updated statements were then copied and added to the vendor files instead of the returned-cleared checks. This made it appear as though the checks Sandra wrote herself were actually written to a valid vendor.

Keith provided me with photo copies of the checks (both front and back) Sandra wrote to herself from 01/06/04 to 10/15/10. Bank statements were also provided and separated by year for years 2003-2010. Included with this was a detailed list (prepared by Keith Taylor and Dave McDowell--another Kootenai Co. auditor) of check numbers, check dates, and amounts of all the checks which are suspected to have been written by Sandra to herself from 2000-2010. Additionally, Keith provided a flow chart explaining the Kootenai County District Court Banking process.

I submitted the copies of checks to evidence. The bank statements, copies of checks, flow sheet, and data sheet were all submitted to records to be scanned to VIPER.

On 120910, Keith brought full-page front and back copies of the checks from 2004-2006. I later submitted these to records to be scanned to VIPER.



The checks for years 2000-2003 do not all have check images available. Some of these checks are ones which Sandra copied, altered with white-out, and then placed in the banking record files at the county clerks office.

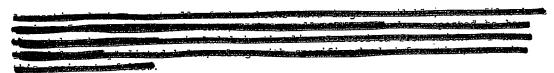


On 121010, I received an e-mail from Dave McDowell, the Finance Director for Kootenai County. Attached was a file with the final accounting done by the auditors office. I printed and submitted this to records.

On 121410, Keith dropped off 3 files of additional bank records for years 2000-2003. The files were labeled: "OPC Oct 01-Sept 03", "Chief Deputy 2000", and "CC Account Clerk of the District Court Closed 09/30/2000". I went through these files and found several bank statements, checks, copies of checks, receipts, deposit slips, and misc. other paperwork all belonging to the same account in question. I had records scan copies of the banking records which show fraudulent and likely fraudulent activity into VIPER.



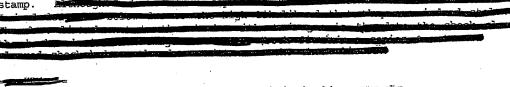
I have compiled a list of all the checks suspected to have been written by Sandra Martinson to herself. These checks range from 2000-2010 and amounts from \$300.00 to \$950.00. There are a total of 212 total checks.



hundred pages of banking records, I found a common pattern that would help pinpoint these. All of the checks Sandra wrote to herself were for a whole-dollar amount, like \$400.00, \$525.00, etc). None of the checks written to her with images available (or those of which only fictitious copies exist) ever included any cents. Contrary to this pattern was the fact that nearly all of the other checks written from this account from 2000-2010 included both dollars and cents. The checks with cents included in the amount were the ones written to legitimate vendors. There were a few whole-dollar amount checks written to valid vendors, but they were limited.

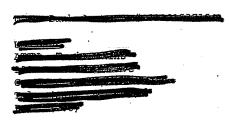
All of the suspected checks written to Sandra were in minimum \$5 increments (for example: \$900.00, \$850.00, \$775.00, \$830.00, etc). All suspected checks were always less than \$1,000.00. Legitimate checks often were over the \$1,000.00 mark, included cents, or were not in \$5 increments (for example: \$7,411.73, \$132.00, \$189.00, etc)

Additionally, it should be pointed out that nearly all of the checks written to legitimate vendors appear to be hand-signed with Sandra Martinson's name. All of the checks written to Sandra appear to be signed with Dan English's signature stamp.

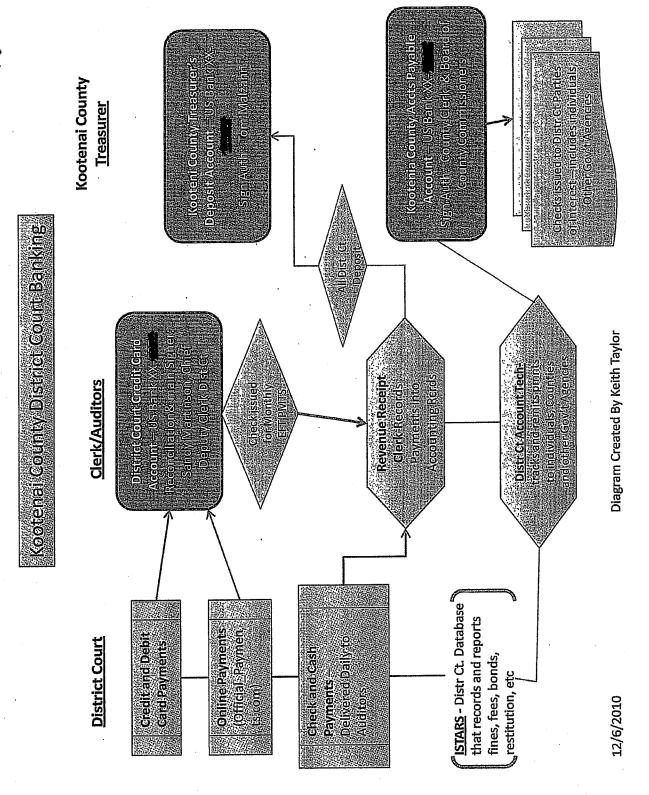




At this time I am forwarding the case to the Bonner County Prosecuting Attorney's office for review and requesting an administrative subpoena or search warrant for the following bank record information:



CASE STATUS: AP R. JOHNSON K61



Kootenai County District Court Credit Card Account

District Court Credit Card
Account — US Bank XX
Reconciliation & main Signer
Sandy Wartinson, Chief
Deputy Clerk Dist Ct

Authorized Checks:

- L. Kootenai Co. Clerk of Distr Ct Remit Monthly Credit & Debit card, & Online Pmnts to Kootenai County.
 - Alliance One/Allied Credit Card Remit EFT payments paid to Distr. Crt that are in collections.
- Official Payments Payment for Transaction fees for Online Payments.