

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARIES COUNTY, MISSOURI
ASSOCIATE DIVISION

STATE OF MISSOURI)

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vs)

AGENCY CASE NO.: 23-100

Heitman, Harold C.)

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S.S.N.)

D.O.B. 07-12-1979)

SID #)

FBI#)

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
IN SUPPORT FOR REQUEST FOR ARREST WARRANT;
FELONY OFFENSE

Date:

I, Shannon Thompson, Police Chief for Vienna, Mo., knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

I have probable cause to believe that on 12-20-2023 and 12-21-2023, offender: Harold C. "Chris" Heitman, committed one or more criminal offenses.

- Count I 570.095 – Filing False Documents - Victim an Elected Official – Felony C
- Count II 570.095 – Filing False Documents - Victim an Elected Official – Felony C
- Count III 565.090 – Harassment 1st degree – Felony E

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 12-21-2023 I initiated an investigation, based on a complaint that false information had been included in two affidavits that were provided to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney and subsequently, the Associate Circuit Court of Maries County by Maries County Sheriff Harold C. "Chris" Heitman.

The complainant informed me that they had approached Maries County Prosecuting Attorney Richard A. "Tony" Skouby regarding this complaint and Mr. Skouby referred them to the Vienna Police Department because the two affidavits had been presented to him at his office located inside of the City Limits of Vienna, Mo.

During the investigation I learned that on 12-20-2023 at approximately 0922 hours, Harold C. Heitman signed a sworn affidavit in front of a notary to apply for and obtain a search warrant for the City of Belle properties.

1. In said affidavit, Harold C. Heitman stated that City Clerk Frankie Horstman provided information that employees Clay Ridenhour and Darin Guinn witnessed Mayor Daryl White Jr. stealing spray paint and she stated that she suspected that Mayor White had misused the City credit card and suggested that he may have misappropriated municipal funds.
2. In said affidavit, Harold C. Heitman stated that former Public Works Director Jason Lewis told him that he did not authorize the purchase of 36 cans of spray paint (12 black), 3 cans of lubricants and 100 cable ties. Heitman reported that Jason Lewis stated that the City did not need those items, nor were they used by the city while he worked there.
3. In said affidavit, Harold C. Heitman stated that Public Works employee Clay Ridenhour told him that he observed White (Belle City Mayor Daryl White Jr.) take 12 cans of the paint out of the City Road Department garage about a week after it was delivered and that he hadn't seen the stolen items (paint) since, nor were they at the city or used by city employees that he had seen.
4. In said affidavit, Harold C. Heitman stated that Belle City Marshal Jerry Coburn told him that Mayor Daryl White Jr. had taken a city owned Glock handgun with a Masonic emblem on it out of the Police Department gun locker (located inside the Mayor's Office) on or about November 20, 2022.
5. On 12-21-2023 Maries County Sheriff Harold C. "Chris" Heitman provided a signed Statement of Probable Cause to secure a criminal complaint against Daryl W. White Jr., who at that time was the duly elected Mayor for the City of Belle, Mo.
6. In said Probable Cause Statement, Harold C. Heitman stated the same information as was supplied in the Affidavit in Application of Search Warrant (See 1-4) on 12-20-2023. Heitman added in the Statement of Probable information gained through an interview that his investigator conducted with current Belle Public Works Director Darin Guinn in which he stated that Mr. Guinn told them that Mayor White had retrieved the paint with permission. Sheriff Heitman stated that Mr. Guinn told his investigator that "It wouldn't be for the city".
7. On 12-21-2023 I interviewed Belle City Marshal Jerry Coborn who stated that he had been contacted by Maries County Sheriff Harold C. Heitman on 12-18-2023. He stated that Sheriff Heitman told him that he was investigating a theft of unknown items from the City of Belle. Marshal Coborn stated that Heitman asked him if he had any information of other wrong doing by City Administrators and he disclosed that he thought Mayor White may be possibly found in possession of a City Glock handgun with a Masonic emblem.
8. Marshal Coborn told me that he did not tell Sheriff Heitman that Mayor White had taken the gun but that Mayor White had expressed interest in the firearm and told him "I'm taking that one, is that ok?". Marshal Coborn told me that he was unsure of Mayor White's intentions. He told me that they left the Mayor's office together and he never saw Mayor White take the gun out from the locker nor in physical possession of the handgun. Marshal Coborn later clarified that he told Sheriff Heitman that Mayor White "May or may not have taken it". Marshal Coborn also told me that at that time, Mayor White was responsible for the City's entire police department inventory. This statement contradicted Sheriff's Heitman's statement found in line #4.

9. On 01-04-2024 I interviewed Belle Public Works Director Darin Guinn. Mr. Guinn told me that he had read the Probable Cause Statement in question that was produced by Harold C. Heitman on 12-21-2023 in which he provided a statement to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney that Clay Ridenhour had watched Mayor White take the paint out of the City Maintenance Garage. Guinn told me "That never happened". Mr. Guinn stated that no one was in the shop when Mayor White picked up the paint. He said that they returned one day and found that the paint was gone.
10. Darin Guinn told me that the black spray paint was going to be used to touch up rust spots on the City's equipment and the other paint was for marking water and sewer lines. This statement contradicts Sheriff Heitman's statement found in line #6.
11. On 3-27-2024 I interviewed former Public Works Director Jason Lewis. Mr. Lewis told me that he had been contacted by Sheriff Harold C. Heitman shortly before the search warrant was served at the City of Belle, Mo. Mr. Lewis told me that he had seen Sheriff Heitman's Probable Statement told me that the information regarding his statement was inaccurate. He told me that Sheriff Heitman asked him several times about the purchase of 100 bottles of lubricant which he associated with oil. He noted that they did not use bottles of oil while he was employed there so he told them that they did not use them while he was employed with the City of Belle as is found in line #2.
12. On 05-02-2024 I interviewed Belle Public Works employee Clay Ridenhour. Mr. Ridenhour told me that he saw Mayor White holding a box containing spray paint while speaking with Darin Guinn on the other end of the Maintenance garage. He told me that his view of the exit door had been obscured by a Christmas float that was parked in one of the bays therefor he did not see if White carried the paint out. He stated that he noted some time later that the paint was missing and later that day or the following day he asked Darin Guinn where the missing paint had gone and Guinn confirmed that "Daryl took it".
13. Mr. Ridenhour stated that he told both Sheriff Heitman and the Sheriff's Detective that he did not see Mayor Daryl White Jr. carry the spray paint in question out from the Maintenance garage building. This statement contradicts Sheriff Heitman's statement found in line #3.
14. During this investigation I was provided with a copy of Maries County Sheriff's Detective Dale Harp's written investigative reports which included an interview with former City Clerk Frankie Horstman. According to that report, Ms. Horstman told Detective Harp about the missing spray paint and that she suspected that there was some asphalt missing. According to Det. Harp's report, Ms. Horstman did not mention anything about misuse of the City's credit card or misappropriated funds as stated by Sheriff Heitman in both of the affidavits that he provided to the courts as found in line #1.
15. As a result of this investigation, it appears that evidence exists that provided Probable Cause that Sheriff Harold C. "Chris" Heitman provided false and inaccurate information in the two affidavits that he presented to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney while inside the City of Vienna, Mo. Those documents appeared to have been used to deceive the officers of the Court to secure warrants and criminal complaints used to charge Daryl W. White, Jr. with Misdemeanor Stealing and Official Misconduct while Mr. White was serving as an elected Municipal Officer, serving as the Mayor of Belle, Mo.

16. The subsequent criminal charges and media releases caused Mayor Daryl White, Jr. to suffer emotional distress, public humiliation, reported loss of business, caused him to incur legal defense fees in excess of \$10,000 to address the criminal complaints and possibly dissuade him from seeking re-election to his Municipal Office as Mayor.

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February 6, 2024

Colonel Olson,

On December 21, 2023, our department received a complaint of suspected perjury by Maries County Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman when he submitted an Affidavit Application for Search Warrant on 12-20-2023 for Belle City Hall and a Statement of Probable Cause submitted on 12-21-2023, seeking a criminal complaint alleging that Belle Mayor Daryl White Jr. had committed Misdemeanor Stealing and Official Misconduct to Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby.

Mr. Skouby directed the complainant to file a complaint with the Vienna Police Department as the documents had been presented to him by Sheriff Heitman at his office located inside the City of Vienna, Mo.

I learned that Sheriff Heitman was investigating the alleged theft of 12 cans of spray paint from the City Maintenance Garage and possible misuse of the City's Credit Card by Mayor White. As a result, Sheriff Heitman executed the Search Warrant at Belle City Hall on 12-20-2023 with the assistance of officers from the Osage County Sheriff's Office and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

I learned that Sheriff Heitman had interviewed a City employee, identified as Clay Ridenhour. Further investigation determined that Clay Ridenhour provided a false or fabricated statement that Sheriff Heitman used in his Statement of Probable Cause Affidavit and Affidavit supporting Application of a Search Warrant that he presented to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney while inside the Corporate City Limits of Vienna, Mo.

I learned that Clay Ridenhour disclosed to his supervisor that he "had to" make a statement to the investigators because "They had him pinched" and that he had to "squeal" or else he would be in trouble, indicating that the Maries County Sheriff or his investigators apparently coerced Mr. Ridenhour to provide false or fabricated information to Sheriff Heitman.

There appears to be a pattern of this type of activity by the Maries County Sheriff's Office as Gary and Deborah Honse requested a similar investigation. They had been arrested on 10-28-2021 for Financial Exploitation of an Elderly Person based on a Probable Cause Statement produced by Maries County Sheriff's Corporal Shannon Fannon.

Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby dismissed those criminal complaints the week prior to a scheduled jury trial due to a lack of evidence.

During the investigation of that complaint I determined that Cpl. Fannon made false statements and omitted information in the Search Warrant Affidavit and Statement of Probable Cause presented to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney, apparently to deceive the Court to secure a search warrant for the Honse residence and criminal complaints against both Gary and Deborah.

The Honses reported that their costs for legal defense counsel were approximately \$20,000 which caused a detrimental financial hardship for that family.

Belle Mayor Daryl White Jr. estimated that his costs for legal defense counsel were in excess of \$10,000 to date.

It was also determined during these investigations that Mayor White and Mr. and Mrs. Honse were vocal political opponents of Sheriff Heitman and Chief Deputy Scott John prior to the presentation of the false documents to the Prosecutor which led to criminal charges being alleged on the reported victims.

It is suspected that the false documents filed with the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney was to possibly dissuade Daryl White Jr. from seeking re-election as the Belle Mayor and to cause all of the mentioned victims to suffer significant financial losses.

Due to possible jurisdictional constraints of events that occurred outside of the City of Vienna that directly impact the investigation of alleged criminal offenses that did take place inside of the Vienna City Limits, I am respectfully requesting the assistance of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control to assist the Vienna Police Department with the investigation of False Documents filed on 12-20-2023 and 12-21-2023.

Supplemental Report #8 is attached to further explain the events that have led to this request.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Shannon Thompson, Chief

cc; Lt. D. Heil, Missouri State Highway Patrol
cc; Erin Bush, Interim Vienna City Attorney

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

COMES NOW, affiant, Shannon W. Thompson, of legal age and being duly sworn, upon his oath states as follows:

1. That I am a duly certified and commissioned law enforcement officer, employed by the Vienna, Missouri Police Department.
2. That at all times mentioned herein, I was acting in my official capacity of a law enforcement officer.
3. That on 12-21-2023 I received a complaint that Maries County Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman had allegedly provided inaccurate statements and documents to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney while inside the City of Vienna, MO., to secure a search warrant for Belle City properties and a later a criminal complaint against Belle City Mayor, Daryl White Jr. alleging the misdemeanor crimes of stealing and misconduct by a public official.
4. That on 12-21-2023 I interviewed Belle City Marshal Jerry Coborn. Shortly after that interview I was contacted through text message by Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R. A. Skouby who requested that I cease interviewing any further witnesses until I spoke with him to prevent accusations of witness contamination.
5. That on 12-28-2023 I met with Prosecutor Skouby who told me that Sheriff Heitman and he were concerned that if I interviewed Belle City Clerk Frankie Horstman or City employee Clay Ridenhour that they may withdraw from cooperating in the prosecution of Mayor Daryl White Jr. I agreed to not speak with those witnesses unless I cleared it with him.
6. That said investigation was assigned Vienna Police Department case number 23-100 and during such I also interviewed Belle City employees Charro Reasor, Darin Guinn and James Goben, Belle City Mayor Daryl White, Jr. and Belle Councilperson Emily Williams. I also received investigative reports from Belle Police Sgt. Mark Morgan.
7. That information was gained through those interviews that led to the necessity to interview Frankie Horstman and Clay Ridenhour. Based on the possibility of jurisdictional issues, I made a request to the Missouri State Highway Patrol to assist our agency in concluding this investigation on 02-06-2024.
8. That on 03-19-2024 Mayor White authorized the release of investigative reports, generated by Maries County Sheriff's Detective Dale Harp, that his defense attorney had received from the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney through legal discovery related to his criminal charges.

9. That in reviewing the statements that I had obtained and Detective Harp's reports, I found very notable contradictions in the information that required further investigation.

10. That on or about 03-19-2024, Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby deferred Daryl White Jr.'s criminal complaint as well as other investigations of recently alleged criminal complaints lodged against officers of the Belle Police Department to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for the assignment of a Special Prosecutor due to several conflicts of interest.

11. That on 04-04-2024 I received a response from Colonel Eric T. Olson of the Missouri State Highway Patrol declining to assist our agency, citing new regulations and in paragraph 3 of said response, "Lt. Heil has conferred with the Maries County prosecutor, who explained he is aware of the allegations and does not anticipate any criminal charges in this situation".

12. That I have not forwarded any investigative reports, affidavits, statements of probable cause or any other material or information that I had collected during this investigation to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney to date.

13. That this affiant notes that 1. Maries County Prosecutor R.A. Skouby suffers the same conflicts of interest with those parties and suspect involved in Vienna Police investigation Case Number 23-100 as he did in the deferred cases to the Missouri Attorney General, seeking the assignment of a Special Prosecutor and, 2. Prosecutor Skouby has demonstrated a pre-determined decision to not pursue prosecution without having any facts or investigative information or material provided from Vienna Investigative case (#23-100).

14. That the affiant prays the Court permit this case to be deferred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for assignment of a Special Prosecutor, to relieve Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby of any conflicts of interest or pre-determined biases in this matter.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Affiant Signature

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public

My Commission expires _____.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson		CASE #: 23-100 Case Overview
DATE:	01-13-2024 (Additions 03-31-2024)	
TIME:	1845 Hours	
LOCATION: City of Vienna		

On 01-21-2023 I initiated an investigation of suspected perjury based on a complaint by Mark Morgan who suspected that information provided by Maries County Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman, in the Affidavit Application for Search Warrant and the Probable Cause Statement generated and submitted to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney and Associate Circuit Court which ordered the warranted search of properties owned by the City of Belle and to support criminal charges alleged against Belle Mayor Daryl White Jr. for stealing and official misconduct contained false and misleading content.

On 12-20-2023 Maries County Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman generated and signed an Affidavit Application for Search Warrant in the presence of Notary Renee Kottwitz inside the City of Vienna, Mo.

The Affidavit contained statements made by Sheriff Heitman based on a complaint that he had reportedly received on 12-18-2023 and as the result of interviews that he had reportedly conducted with one current Belle City Public Works employee, one former City Public Works employee, the Belle City Clerk and the Belle City Marshal.

The former employee appeared to have been the previous Public Works Director which had been aware of the order for 36 cans of spray paint, 3 cans of lubricant and 100 cable ties from a company identified in the affidavit as Kimball Midwest. The former Director, later identified as Jason Lewis, left that position to take a job in the private sector shortly thereafter and it was unknown if he was employed there when the paint arrived at the City of Belle Maintenance Garage.

The current employee that was reportedly interviewed prior to the Affidavit appeared to be Clay Ridenhour. Mr. Ridenhour appeared to be aware that former Public Works employee, since promoted to the Public Works Director, Darin Guinn had ordered the paint, lubricant and cable ties that had apparently been delivered to the City's Maintenance garage in late September 2023.

Mr. Ridehour appeared to have told Sheriff Heitman that he saw Belle Mayor Daryl White Jr. take 12 cans of black spray paint from the City Maintenance Garage within a week of the paint being delivered.

The Belle City Marshal was identified as Jerry Coborn whom Sheriff Heitman stated in the Affidavit had told him that Mayor White had taken a City owned Glock Model 22 handgun from the firearms locker kept in Mayor White's office but Marshal Coborn reported that the handgun had been returned when he looked on 12-19-2023.

Sheriff Heitman presented said Affidavit for Application of Search Warrant to Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. "Tony" Skouby to initiate the submission of said application to the Associate Circuit Court to be ordered a Search Warrant for Belle City Hall and associated properties to verify that the items reported as stolen were not present on the Belle City properties.

On 12-21-2023, Sheriff Heitman presented a Statement of Probable Cause to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney inside the City of Vienna, Mo. which repeated the information from the interviews of the witnesses mentioned above.

The Probable Cause Statement submitted by Sheriff Heitman contained the statements found on the Affidavit but included an additional statement apparently taken from an interview with current Public Works Director Darin Guinn by Sheriff's Detective Dale Harp and a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. That statement indicated that Mr. Guinn stated that he granted permission to Belle Mayor Daryl White Jr. to take some of the paint received in the previously mentioned order and that he knew Mayor White had taken the paint. Sheriff Heitman quoted Director Guinn as saying "It wouldn't be for the City".

A complaint was made with my agency on 12-21-2023 by Mark Morgan that Sheriff Heitman had allegedly perjured himself with the information that he had provided in those documents based on a conversation that he had with Belle City Marshal Jerry Coborn.

Mr. Morgan told me that Marshal Coborn was adamant that he had not told Sheriff Heitman that Mayor White had taken a handgun that belonged to the city but had mentioned that Mayor White expressed great interest in one of them and he believed that may have taken it from the gun locker based on their conversation. Mr. Morgan told me that Marshal Coborn told him that he did not see Mayor White take the handgun.

Based on this information, I further reviewed the Search Warrant Affidavit and Statement of Probable Cause for the arrest of Mayor Daryl White Jr. and found that Morgan's complaint appeared to be valid and I initiated an investigation. The following information was learned during this investigation:

1. 23-100 Initial Report. I interviewed Belle City Marshal Jerry Coborn who told me that he had not been aware of any city inventory that had been stolen prior to being contacted by Sheriff Heitman. Marshal Coborn stated that Sheriff Heitman sought further information regarding illegal activity involving Belle City administrators and he told him that he suspected that Mayor White may, or may not have taken a handgun from the city inventory. I learned from Mark Morgan that several items reported being stolen had been used by City personnel and Council Members to construct the City's parade floats.

2. Supplemental Report #1. I spoke with Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. "Tony" Skouby after Sheriff Heitman complained to Associate Circuit Judge K. Rowden and he that I was tampering with witnesses in his investigation. Mr. Skouby told me that Sheriff Heitman feared that if I spoke with witnesses Clay Ridenhour and Frankie Hortsman (Hicks) that they may wish not to cooperate in the prosecution of Mayor Daryl White Jr.

3. Supplemental Report #2. I interviewed Mark Morgan (a police sergeant with the Belle City Marshal's Office) who stated that several city staff and Council Members had used black spray paint and zip ties to construct two parade floats and installed decorations for the Belle Christmas Festival.

4. Supplemental Report #3. I interviewed Belle City Councilwoman Emily Williams who confirmed that Mayor White, city staff members, other volunteers and she had constructed the city parade floats and that several cans of black spray paint were used during the construction. She also stated that she suspected the informant who had provided information to Sheriff Heitman was Clay Ridenhour. Ms. Williams stated that she suspected that Mr. Ridenhour was disgruntled because another employee had recently been promoted to Public Works Director, the position that he temporarily filled. She also stated that Public Works Director Darin Guinn approached her regarding a conversation that he had with Mr. Ridenhour in which Ridenhour disclosed that he "had to" make a statement to avoid prosecution in a criminal matter that she suspected was being investigated by the Maries County Sheriff's Office.

5. Supplemental Report #4. I interviewed Belle City Treasurer and Office Manager Charro Reasor who confirmed that several cans of black spray paint had been used as they constructed the city's parade floats. Ms. Reasor also stated that she was present with Mayor White and Sgt. Morgan when they retrieved ammunition from inside the gun locker, located in Mayor White's office in October 2023 and stated that the handgun that Marshal Coborn had suspected was stolen was still inside the locker.

6. Supplemental Report #5. I interviewed Public Works Director Darin Guinn who confirmed that he had ordered and received 3 cases (36 cans) of spray paint and had given Mayor White permission to use some of it and told him where it had been located. Mr. Guinn told me that they had ordered the black spray paint to use on the city equipment. This contradicted Sheriff's Heitman's Statement of Probable Cause for a criminal complaint charging Mayor Daryl White for stealing and official misconduct. Sheriff Heitman quoted Mr. Guinn as saying "It wouldn't be for the city".

Mr. Guinn confirmed that he had a conversation with Clay Ridenhour after the Sheriff's investigation had concluded at City Hall in which he asked Clay why he had involved him in the investigation. Mr. Guinn stated that Clay Ridenhour told him that he "had to". Mr. Ridenhour reportedly told Mr. Guinn that "They" had him "pinched" for something and that if he didn't "squeal" that he would be in trouble.

7. Supplemental Report #6. I interviewed Public Works employee James Goden who stated that he had been unaware that any paint was missing before the investigation. He said that he used the cable ties (zip ties) to hang Christmas decorations. Mr. Goben stated that he told investigators this information during the theft investigation.

8. Supplemental Report #7. This report contains information regarding a police report apparently generated by Belle City Marshal Jerry Coborn in which he provided information which contradicted his statement to me on 12-21-2023.

9. Supplemental Report #8. I interviewed Belle Mayor Daryl White Jr. in the presence of his attorney. Mayor White confirmed that he had spoken with Maintenance Director Darin Guinn about using some of the spray paint that was mentioned and he later picked it up from the Belle Maintenance Garage. He told me that not one was present inside the garage when he picked up the paint and he told me that the paint was used to construct the Belle City Christmas parade floats.

I sought the assistance of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to assist in completing this investigation due to possible jurisdictional issues with Clay Ridenhour's suspected coercion but was informed by Col. Eric Olson by letter that their agency was unable to enter and assist our agency with this investigation because I had already actively initiated an investigation

10. Supplemental Report #9. I received copies of investigative reports generated by Maries County Sheriff's Detective Dale Harp which made it clear that Clay Ridenhour had fabricated his statement to the Detective and based on my interviews with Darin Guinn and Emily Williams, apparently had been coerced to do so under threat of criminal prosecution in an unrelated investigation.

On 03-26-2024 I sought the assignment of a Special Prosecuting Attorney as Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby had recused himself from this and two other Belle related criminal complaints due to his close involvement with those involved in these complaints.

Later that day I received a Chapter 610 request from the suspect of my investigation, Sheriff Chris Heitman, requesting all of the investigative materials that I possessed regarding him or his staff.

On 03-27-2024 Mr. Skouby informed me that the Hon. Judge Kerry Rowden required that I provide written statements from the witnesses that I had interviewed to determine what conflicts existed. I found this suspect that Mr. Skouby was probably providing information to aid Sheriff Heitman in eluding criminal charges in this investigation.

Based on the information received, it does appear information included in the Probable Cause Statement and Search Warrant Affidavit submitted by Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney and the Associate Circuit Court regarding the alleged theft of supplies from the City of Belle and the subsequent criminal complaint and criminal summons issued, charging Mayor Daryl White Jr. with Stealing and Official Misconduct are untrue or omitted which appears to have been used to intentionally deceive the Court to secure court orders and criminal complaints.

Further investigation is warranted into the admitted forced statement secured of Clay Ridenhour by Sheriff Heitman or other investigators who were involved in that investigation, to determine if Mr. Ridenhour had been forced to generate the complaint, and if the complaint and statement were in fact, truthful against Mayor Daryl White Jr., who at the time of this investigation was acting in his official capacity as the Mayor of the Municipality of Belle, Mo.

It is suspected that Sheriff Harold C. Heitman may have also committed the Class C Felony offense of Filing False Documents when the victim is an elected official of a Municipal, County, State or Federal Government, (570.095 R.S.Mo.) in that Clay Ridenhour was suspected to have been forced to provide a complaint and statement to Maries County Sheriff Harold C. Heitman or his investigators which was suspected to have been false or fabricated to secure a criminal complaint against Belle Mayor Daryl White Jr.

It should be noted that the search warrant and arrest summons were executed during the open filing period for municipal elections in which the Mayor's seat was to be on ballot. It could be viewed that Sheriff Heitman possibly executed the warrant and sought a criminal complaint to dissuade Daryl White Jr. from seeking re-election.

Shannon Thompson, Chief
Vienna Police Dept.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson DATE: 12-21-2023 TIME: 1500 Hours	CASE #: 23-100
LOCATION: 211 4 th Street, Vienna	

On 12-20-2023 Maries County Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman, members of his staff, a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies executed a search warrant at Belle City Hall and associated city owned properties.

On 12-20-2023 I spoke with Belle Police Sergeant Mark Morgan and our conversation led to the above mentioned search and the Sheriff's naming Belle City Mayor Daryl White Jr. as the suspect in the theft of spray paint from the city.

Sgt. Morgan told me that the Mayor and other members of the City's Council and staff, and he had worked on the City's Belle Christmas Festival floats in Mayor White's business garage where a large amount of the black spray paint had been used. The Christmas Festival took place in Belle, Mo. on 12-16-2023.

On 12-21-2023 at approximately 1240 hours Sgt. Morgan provided me with copies of the search warrant affidavit and order that had been served to staff at the City of Belle on 12-20-2023. I noted that Sheriff Heitman's notarized affidavit stated that Belle Public Works employees told investigators that Mayor White had removed several cans of spray paint from the City Maintenance Shop and that City Marshal Jerry Coborn had stated that Mayor White had taken a City owned handgun but that it had been returned.

On 12-21-2023 at approximately 1500 hours I was contacted again by Mark Morgan. He told me that he had obtained a copy of the redacted Probable Cause Statement that had been provided by Sheriff Heitman to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney on 12-21-2023 from the public venue of the Missouri State Courts Administrator, otherwise known as Case.Net.

Sgt. Morgan told me that he had spoken with Marshal Coborn regarding the information that he had provided to Sheriff Heitman regarding the theft of the handgun and learned from Coborn that he had not told the Sheriff that White had stolen the handgun but that he had merely suspected that Mayor White may have taken it based on his conversation with Daryl White on November 20, 2022 when White expressed interest in a Glock handgun, with a Masonic emblem engraved in the slide, that was in the firearms safe.

Sgt. Morgan suspected that the Sheriff may have perjured himself when he submitted the Search Warrant Affidavit and Probable cause Statement to the Court. He told me that he'd had spoken with Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. "Tony" Skouby regarding his concerns and asked who would have jurisdiction to investigate the matter. He said that Mr. Skouby offered that the Missouri State Highway Patrol would be his first choice.

Sgt. Morgan told me that he expressed concern to Mr. Skouby that the Highway Patrol may not be able to effectively investigate the matter. He told me that Mr. Skouby informed him that the documents had been presented inside the City of Vienna and suggested that he contact me to submit the complaint through the Vienna Police Department.

I reviewed the documents provided by Sgt. Morgan again and found that misinformation may have been provided to the Court. Copies of those documents are attached with this report. I noted that the Search Warrant Affidavit had been signed by Sheriff Heitman at 0922 hours on 12-20-2023 and had been notarized by Deputy County Clerk Renee Kottwitz. The Warrant Order was signed by the Hon. Judge Kerry Rowden at 1115 hours that date.

The redacted copy of the Affidavit in support of a Search Warrant generated by Sheriff Heitman stated that Belle City Marshal Jerry Coborn told him that Mayor Daryl White Jr. had taken a city owned firearm that had a masonic emblem on it on November 20, 2022 and that Marshal Coborn "had not seen it since". And that the Marshal said that he was obligated to tell the Sheriff now because Mayor White continued to "do things wrong".

I noted that the information found on the affidavit indicated that the Sheriff had signed that document inside the Maries County Courthouse in the presence of Deputy Maries County Clerk Renee Kottwitz. The offices of the Sheriff, Ms. Kottwitz and Judge K. Rowden were all located inside of the Maries County Courthouse, located at 211 4th Street inside Vienna, Mo.

On 12-21-2023 at approximately 1806 hours I conducted an electronically recorded interview with Belle City Marshal Jerry Coborn, who was properly identified as:

Jerry Coborn (Marshal)
601 3rd Street
Belle, MO. 65013
(573) 201-0950

During the interview, Marshal Coborn explained that his working relationship with Mayor White was rather strained and that they had often "buted heads".

Marshal Coborn told me that he had received a phone call from Sheriff Heitman on Monday, 12-18-2023, at approximately 2110 hours who informed him that he was conducting a theft investigation involving city employees.

I asked Marshal Coborn if any of the City employees had approached him about stolen property and he said that no one had and that he knew nothing about the reported theft until he was contacted by Sheriff Heitman.

Marshal Coborn told me that the Sheriff told him that he had taken statements from a couple of guys about stealing and that if he couldn't find the missing property, he intended to arrest Mayor Daryl White Jr. He said that Sheriff Heitman did not disclose what had been stolen but invited him to join his agency with the investigation and asked if he knew of any other illegal activity going on inside the Belle City Administration.

Marshal Coborn explained that he told Sheriff Heitman that he was concerned that Mayor Daryl White Jr. may have taken a city owned Glock handgun with a Masonic emblem engraved on it from the gun safe that was kept in the Mayor's office.

Marshal Coborn explained that the City owned firearms and ammunition were stored in a gun safe that was located inside of Mayor White's office. Marshal Coborn explained that the safe's key was kept inside a smaller safe in the City Hall office that he did not know the combination to.

Marshal Coborn explained that for him to access that safe, he had to request the key from one of the City Clerks then have someone unlock the Mayor's office door.

Marshal Coborn told me that the City hired Erican Sugg as a Deputy Marshal on 11-18-2022. He said that Mayor White had opened his office and the gun safe for him on 11-20-2022 to retrieve a badge and handgun to assign to Sugg.

Marshal Coborn told me that while the safe was open, Mayor White saw that one of the Glock handguns had a Masonic emblem engraved on the slide. He told me that Mayor White said "I like this one. I'll take it. Is that ok?".

Marshal Coborn told me that he shrugged his shoulders without a verbal response then retrieved the badge and handgun to be issued to Officer Sugg and departed from the Mayor's Office. He went on to say that he did not believe that he could disagree with Mayor White as he was in control of and responsible for all of

the city's property.

Marshal Coborn told me that Mayor White apparently closed the gun safe then accompanied him to the Police Department located in the building next door. He told me that Mayor White did not have the handgun in his possession when he walked out from his office.

Marshal Coborn told me that he had never told Sheriff Heitman that Mayor White had stolen the handgun. He said that he told the Sheriff that his only concern was that he was unsure if the Mayor had taken the handgun and wanted to let him know if he located the handgun outside of the police department's control.

Marshal Coborn told me that he asked for access into the gun safe in Mayor White's office on 12-19-2023 to conduct an inventory of the firearms and found that the Glock handgun with the Masonic emblem was inside the locker.

Marshal Coborn told me that he had not been inside the gun safe between 11-20-2022 and 12-19-2023.

Marshal Coborn showed me text messages that he exchanged with Sheriff Heitman on 12-19-2023 regarding the handgun. At approximately 1044 hours on 12-19-2023, Sheriff Heitman and Marshal Coborn exchanged messages in which Sheriff Heitman invited Marshal Coborn for a debriefing to be held at the Maries County Sheriff's Office the following morning at 1030 hours.

The Sheriff then asked if Marshal Coborn had been able to determine the serial number for the suspected missing firearm to which Marshal Coborn responded "He has put it back in there I checked earlier and it accounted for I have not said anything regarding tomar so I have no idea when he put it back it's so frustrating he is but all gun were accounted for sorry I really thought he had it".

Marshal Coborn told me that he met with Sheriff Heitman and other law enforcement officers from various agencies. He said that he and Osage County Sheriff Mike Bonham were assigned to search the City's dog kennels and other City owned properties and vehicles.

Marshal Coborn told me that he could see where the Sheriff could have misunderstood what he meant. He went on to say that he wasn't positive that Mayor White had taken the handgun described but was fearful that if they located a handgun during their search that belonged in his inventory, he would have been responsible for that.

Marshal Coborn went on to say that he was not too worried about the handgun possibly being in the Mayor's possession because the Mayor was a law abiding citizen to the best of his knowledge.

During the interview I stated that Sheriff Heitman did not know that a handgun had actually been stolen and Marshal Coborn replied "I didn't even know if it was stolen". He said that he told Sheriff Heitman that it may or may not have been taken.

Marshal Coborn was dispatched to an emergency call as our interview concluded so I did not request a written statement from him.

On 12-21-2023 at approximately 2110 hours I received a text message from Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby who informed me that Sheriff Heitman had complained that I was tampering with witnesses in his theft investigation regarding Mayor Daryl White and requested that I speak with him before interviewing any further witnesses in the alleged perjury complaint. I agreed to suspend any further interviews until I could speak with Mr. Skouby about this matter.

This investigation remains open and further information will be provided through supplemental investigative reports.

Shannon Thompson, Chief
Vienna Police Dept.

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIAL PROSECUTOR**

COMES NOW, affiant, Shannon W. Thompson, of legal age and being duly sworn, upon his oath states as follows:

1. That I am a duly certified and commissioned law enforcement officer, employed by the Vienna, Missouri Police Department.
2. That at all times mentioned herein, I was acting in my official capacity of a law enforcement officer.
3. That on 12-21-2023 I received a complaint that Maries County Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman had allegedly provided inaccurate statements and documents to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney while inside the City of Vienna, MO., to secure a search warrant for Belle City properties and a criminal complaint against Belle City Mayor, Daryl White Jr. alleging the misdemeanor crimes of stealing and misconduct by a public official.
4. That said investigation was assigned Vienna Police Department case number 23-100 and during such I interviewed Belle City Marshal Jerry Coborn, Belle City employees Charro Reasor, Darin Guinn and James Goben, Belle City Mayor Daryl White, Jr. and Belle Councilperson Emily Williams. I also received investigative reports from Belle Police Sgt. Mark Morgan.
5. That on 03-19-2024 Mayor White authorized the release of investigative reports, generated by Maries County Sheriff's Detective Dale Harp, that his defense attorney had received from the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney through legal discovery related to his criminal charges.
6. That in reviewing the statements that I had obtained and Detective Harp's reports, I found very notable contradictions in the information that required more extensive investigation.
7. That on or about 03-19-2024, Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby deferred Detective Harp's investigation as well as other investigations of other recently alleged criminal complaints lodged against officers of the Belle Police Department due to several conflicts of interest, to the Missouri Attorney General's Office.
8. That this affiant notes that Maries County Prosecutor R.A. Skouby suffers the same conflicts in Vienna Police investigation Case Number 23-100 and prays the Court permit this case to be deferred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for assignment of a Special Prosecutor, to relieve Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby of any conflicts of interest in this matter.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Affiant Signature

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of ,

Notary Public

My Commission expires _____.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson		CASE #: 23-100	
DATE: 12-28-2023			
TIME: Approx. 1400 hours	Supplemental Report #1		
LOCATION: 211 4 th Street			

On 12-28-2023, I spoke with Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. "Tony" Skouby in his office regarding the investigation of perjury allegations surrounding the Search Warrant Affidavit and Probable Cause Statement submitted to his office by Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman on 12-20-2023 and 12-21-2023, that named Daryl White Jr. as allegedly stealing spray paint from the City of Belle.

During our conversation, Mr. Skouby pointed out that Sheriff Heitman feared that if I interviewed witnesses Clay Ridenhour or Frankie Hortsman, that I may cause them to not cooperate with the theft investigation. I explained that Sheriff Heitman had already taken their statements so at that time, I did not feel that it would be necessary to interview them.

I did express my concerns of how the search warrant had been obtained and the timing of the application. I informed Mr. Skouby that Sheriff Heitman had been informed prior to writing his affidavit that the handgun mentioned was accounted for, yet he still mentioned it as missing and returned without any further evidence that it had actually been stolen and since it was accounted for, why search for it?

I pointed out that Sheriff Heitman organized a multi-agency debriefing the morning of 12-19-2023, a day prior to making affidavit with the Court. He then signed a sworn affidavit for the search warrant on 12-20-2023 at 0922 hours and presented it to Mr. Skouby. He conducted the multi-agency debriefing at 1030 hours and the Search Warrant was signed by the Hon. Judge Kerry Rowden at 1115 hours that date. This indicated to me that he had been ensured that he would be awarded a search warrant prior to submitting his affidavit.

I explained that Mark Morgan told me that the spray paint that was allegedly stolen had been used on the City's Christmas Festival project which indicated that Sheriff Heitman and the Missouri State Highway Patrol had apparently not conducted a complete investigation prior to the issuance of a Probable Cause Statement to the Court and press releases to several media outlets.

I pointed out that the Probable Cause Statement produced and submitted to his office by Sheriff Heitman stated that City Marshal Jerry Coborn stated that Coborn told him that the gun was missing which contradicted Marshal Coborn's statement to me on 12-21-2023.

I expressed my concern as to how vague the Search Warrant Affidavit was as it appeared to have been a "fishing expedition" as it was not specific as to what evidence Sheriff Heitman was seeking to locate.

During this conversation, Mr. Skouby confirmed that he had spoken with Sheriff Heitman in days prior to the Affidavit for Search Warrant submission to his office and that he had instructed Sheriff Heitman to list everything that he found to be "fishy" in the affidavit.

Mr. Skouby made it clear that he did not wish to hinder or disrupt my investigation but wished for us to remain in contact regarding interviewing witnesses that were involved in both investigations. I agreed to not speak with any of the witnesses named in Sheriff Heitman's Probable Cause Statement without talking with him first.

Shannon Thompson, Chief
Vienna Police Dept.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson	CASE #: 23-100
DATE: 01-05-2024	Supplemental Report #6
TIME: 1120 Hours	
LOCATION: Belle Maintenance Garage	

On 01-05-2024 at approximately 1120 hours I interviewed Belle Public Works employee Jim Goben who was propely identified as:

James Goben
200 E. 3rd Street
Belle, Mo. 65013
(573) 263-8344

Mr. Goben told me that he was unaware that any of the spray paint was missing. He confirmed that they had planned to use the black spray paint to touch up rust on truck frames and miscellaneous other uses.

Mr. Goben told me that he had used of the several cable ties from that order to hang the city's Christmas decorations on utility poles for the Christmas Festival.

Mr. Goben told me that he had been interviewed by the Sheriff's investigators and had told them this information.

Mr. Goben had no further information to add.

Shannon Thompson, Chief
Vienna Police Dept.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson	
DATE: 01-04-2024	CASE #: 23-100
TIME: 1730 Hours	Supplemental Report #4
LOCATION: 601 3 rd Street (Belle Police Dept.)	

On 01-04-2024 at approximately 1730 hours I interviewed Belle City Treasurer Charro Reasor at the Belle Police Department. Ms.Reasor was properly identified as:

Charro Reasor
34500 Maries Road 411
Belle,Mo. 65013
(573) 263-2401

Belle Police Officer Erican Sugg was present as he had opened the police office for this interview. He was not a witness in Sheriff Heitman's investigation or this investigation so he was present during this interview with Ms. Reasor's consent.

Ms. Reasor told me that she was employed by the City of Belle as their Treasurer and had recently been named as the City Office Manager as well.

Ms. Reasor told me that she had processed the order for the spray paint. She told me that it was billed to the City and a check had been issued for payment and the purchase was not placed on their credit card.

Ms. Reasor explained that the City had two credit cards, one for Streets and one for General Use. She said that the General Use card was kept in their office safe. She noted that the credit card bill was regularly reconciled, there had been no misappropriation using the card and the Council reviews all new invoices each month.

Ms. Reasor stated that the bill was for the spray paint, lubricant and zip ties which had been reviewed and approved at their October meeting.

Ms. Reasor told me that she had not heard about a handgun missing prior to the Sheriff's investigations.

I asked about the black spray paint that had been reported stolen from the Maintenance Garage. She told me that Mayor Daryl White Jr. had used some of the paint on the Christmas float prior to their arrival and noted that her husband had used a couple cans of the paint to finish part of the float. She assumed that the paint had been purchased by the City.

Ms. Reasor told me that none of the City's employees had reported any missing inventory to her knowledge prior to the Sheriff's Search Warrant execution.

Ms. Reasor told me that she had been interviewed by Maries County Sheriff's Detective Dale Harp and a Missouri State Highway Patrol Investigator. She told me that the investigators informed her that the Public Works employees had seen Mayor White take some paint out of the Maintenance Garage and asked her if she knew where the paint had gone but she said that she told them that she did not know. She later explained that she was very shaken by the investigation and didn't think to tell the investigators about the paint used on the floats.

I told Ms. Reasor that someone had mentioned something about a bill for asphalt. Ms. Reasor explained that the City had purchased some cold patch from Willard Asphalt.

Ms. Reasor told me that a local dump truck operator, Nathan Hale, had some left over hot mix from another job. Hale's girlfriend worked at Adam Padgett's business and Nathan delivered the remaining asphalt there and a former City employee, Jason Lewis used a backhoe to spread the mix at Padgett's. She said that he reported that it took between 15 and 20 minutes to complete. Ms. Reasor told me that the City did not pay for that material.

She said that Det. Harp and the MSHP Investigator questioned her as to what types of equipment had been used to spread the asphalt and if four employees had spent four hours and so on. She explained that Mr. Lewis had completed the job in approximately twenty minutes. Ms. Reasor told me that she had provided the requested documentation and receipts to the investigators.

Ms. Reasor told me that Sheriff Heitman then interviewed her. She said that he wanted credit card records from the previous sixteen months but she had already boxed most of them up. She told me that he threatened to "seize her entire office". She said that she provided him with all of the records that she had available at that time.

She said that Sheriff Heitman then began asking about the Christmas Festival funds. She explained numerous times that the Mayor wasn't on the Christmas fund account and that she was the Treasurer for that account. She said that he questioned her purchase of toys for the Festival from a toy auction and demanded an invoice for the purchases. She explained that there was no invoice provided.

Ms. Reasor said that Sheriff Heitman ordered her to call the bank to collect the bank statement as of that date. Ms. Reasor re-stated that the entire Christmas fund account was funded by donations and that every penny had been accounted for.

She expressed that this made her very upset because this was where she and her family did their banking business and later that evening he released to television news crews that City Hall was being investigated for stealing and she felt that this depicted her as a thief.

Ms. Reasor recalled that she was with Mayor White and Police Sgt. Mark Morgan when they entered the gun locker to get ammunition for firearms training a few months earlier. She told me that the handgun with the Masonic emblem was inside the locker at that time and she recalled that Mayor White had commented about it because of the emblem on it. It should be noted that the Belle Police Officers attended firearms training hosted by the Vienna Police Department on 10-07-2023.

I asked Ms. Reasor again if the investigators asked her or if she told them about using the paint on the Christmas float. She told me that she was so upset at that time that she didn't even think about the paint being used on the float.

Ms. Reasor recalled that Marshal Coborn conducted an inventory of the gun locker on 12-19-2023 because they had to call Mayor White in to open his office to access the gun locker.

I asked Ms. Reasor if she knew anything about a conversation between Public Works Director Darin Guinn and Maintenance employee Clay Ridenhour. Ms. Reasor told me that she had learned that Clay Ridenhour told Darin Guinn that he had to make a statement to the investigators because Sheriff Heitman had something on Mr. Ridenhour that he would bring out.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

Shannon Thompson, Chief
Vienna Police Dept.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson	CASE #: 23-100
DATE: 02-01-2024	Supplemental Report #8
TIME: 1034 Hours	
LOCATION: Vienna, Mo.	

On 12-21-2023 I initiated an investigation into allegations that Maries County Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman may have perjured himself when he submitted information in an affidavit for search warrant and Statement of Probable to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney on 12-20-2023 and 12-21-2023, inside the Maries County Courthouse which was located inside the Corporate City Limits of Vienna, Mo.

The information generated in said documents by Sheriff Heitman, which he provided to the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney on 12-20-2023 and 12-21-2023, appeared to contain misinformation used to deceive the Court to secure a search warrant for the City of Belle, Mo and to secure a criminal complaint against Belle Mayor Daryl White Jr.

During this investigation, I retained a redacted copy of both documents and found that Sheriff Heitman had interviewed City Public Works Employee Clay Ridenhour. Sheriff Heitman stated in both documents that Mr. Ridenhour told him that he had seen Daryl White Jr. take a box of spray paint from the City Maintenance Garage.

Sheriff Heitman stated in the Probable Cause Statement in support of a criminal complaint against Mayor Daryl White Jr. that Public Works Director Darin Guinn told him that Mayor White had asked if he could have some of the black spray paint and he quoted Mr. Guinn as saying "It wouldn't have been for the City", referring to the black spray paint.

I interviewed Mr. Guinn on 01-05-2024 who told me that some of the information found in Sheriff Heitman's Probable Cause Statement was not correct. He told me that he had ordered the black spray paint with the intent to use it to paint some of the City's equipment. He also told me that he was not present when Mayor White picked up the paint from the Maintenance Garage.

Mr. Guinn told me that Clay Ridenhour had admitted to him that "They" had him "pinched" for something and that he had to "squeal" or he would be in trouble. Based on this statement, it was suspected that the Maries County Sheriff's had a pending investigation involving Mr. Ridenhour and had used this to coerce him into providing a statement.

On 02-01-2024 I conducted a telephone interview with Belle Mayor Daryl White, Jr. who was properly as:

Daryl White, Jr.
1000 S. Alvarado Ave.
Belle, Mo. 65013

It should be noted that this interview was electronically recorded and conducted with the consent and in the presence of Mayor White's Attorney, Thomas Kirsh, by a three-way telephone conversation.

During the interview, Mayor White confirmed that he had removed spray paint from the City Maintenance Garage after speaking with Public Works Director Darin Guinn. Mayor White told me that the paint had been used to construct the City's Christmas Parade floats at his house.

Mayor White told me that no one was present inside or around the City Maintenance Garage when he picked up the paint. I asked if he saw any of the City's Public Works employees inside or around the building and he again told me that he did not see any of them in or around the Garage.

Mayor White confirmed that he had reviewed the Probable Cause Statement generated by Sheriff Heitman. I asked if there was any incorrect information in it's content and he said that most of the information found in that document was incorrect.

Mayor White agreed to provide a written statement with Mr. Kirsh's approval. Arrangements were made to secure the written statement within a few days.

Based on the statements of Belle Public Works Director Darin Guinn and Belle Mayor Daryl White, Jr. it is apparent that Public Works employee Clay Ridenhour provided a false statement to Sheriff Heitman and is suspected that his statement was fabricated after he was coerced by Sheriff Heitman or his investigators to do so.

Based on this information, it is suspected that Maries County Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman used coerced, fabricated information to File False Documents When the Victim Is an Elected Official of a Municipal, County, State or Federal Government (570.095 R.S.Mo.) when he filed the Affidavit for Search Warrant and Probable Cause Statement in support of a criminal complaint against Daryl White, Jr., who was the seated, duly elected Mayor for the Municipality of Belle, Mo.

This investigation remains open.

Shannon Thompson, Chief
Vienna Police Dept.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson	
DATE: 01-04-2024	CASE #: 23-100
TIME: 1220 Hours	Supplemental Report #3
LOCATION: 34314 Highway 63 N. Vienna	

On 01-04-2024 at approximately 1220 hours I met with Belle City Councilwoman Emily Williams at her parents' home near Vienna. Ms. Williams was properly identified as:

Emily Williams
403 E. 1st Street
Belle, Mo. 65013
(573) 647-9192

Ms. Williams told me that members of the Belle City Council and staff had initiated plans in late October of 2023 for a Christmas Festival in Belle that took place on 12-16-2023. She told me that a separate checking account was opened at the bank to keep Christmas Festival funds from being co-mingled with City funds.

Ms. Williams told me that the fund received approximately \$5,000 in donations and the City Council Members had donated their salaries from the City to the fund as well.

Ms. Williams explained that the City of Belle and Mayor White (personally) had also purchased Christmas lights and decorations to decorate City Hall and the street where the Festival was held.

Ms. Williams told me that the Christmas floats had been built in Mayor Daryl White's shop so they weren't tying up the bays at the City Maintenance Garage. She told me that there were two floats built; one on Mayor White's personally owned trailer and the second one on the City's trailer.

Ms. Williams told me that she was present when they had used several cans of black spray paint while constructing the City's Christmas floats.

Ms. Williams recalled that they spoke about constructing Christmas floats at their October Council Meeting and Mayor White told them that he believed that they (the City) had enough paint to construct the floats.

I asked Ms. Williams if she suspected misuse of the City's credit card. She told me that there were two credit cards, one for the Maintenance Department and one for general use. She reported that the General Use card was maintained at City Hall and the Mayor had the Council's approval to spend up to \$500.00 before having to approach the Council for approval and that no misuse had been suspected by the Council.

I asked her if she had been interviewed by any investigators during the theft of paint investigation and she told me that no one had spoken with her before our interview.

I asked Ms. Williams if she had been aware that Marshal Coborn had suspected that Mayor White had taken a handgun from the City gun safe. She told me that she had only learned of the handgun issue after the Sheriff executed the search warrant at City Hall.

Ms. Williams told me that the Council had never heard from Marshal Coborn regarding any issues with Mayor White. She went on to say there was apparent friction between Mayor White and City Clerk Frankie Hortsman (Hicks). She recalled a day when she was in City Hall while Mayor White was in the office. She recalled that Ms. Hortsman called Marshal Coborn on the telephone to be her witness while she was being

“harassed” by Mayor White, however she did not find his behavior to be out of line.

Ms. Williams explained that the Belle City Council had requested of Marshal Coborn to complete an inventory of the police department’s equipment earlier in the year as the last inventory on their records was from 2019 but he had not completed one as of their November meeting that she recalled.

Ms. Williams explained that Clay Ridenhour had been the interim Public Works Director for the City of Belle after the previous Director, Jason Lewis resigned. In October of 2023, the City of Belle Promoted another City Maintenance employee, Darin Guinn to that position and she believed that Mr. Ridenhour may have been somewhat disgruntled over the matter.

Ms. Williams told me that she believed that the Sheriff’s investigators had initially only interviewed Mr. Ridenhour but he “brought Darin (Guinn) into it” so the investigators then interviewed Mr. Guinn.

Ms. Williams told me that Public Works Director, Darin Guinn approached her after the investigation and told her that he had confronted Clay Ridenhour about involving him in the investigation and Mr. Ridenhour reportedly told him that the Sheriff’s Office had something on him and he was forced to make a statement.

Ms. Williams told me that Mr. Ridenhour was no longer productive at work and had apparently told co-workers that the City could not terminate him because he was a “whistle blower”.

Ms. Williams told me that no one from the Public Works Department had ever mentioned anything about missing or stolen property to the Belle City Council.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

Shannon Thompson, Chief
Vienna Police Dept.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson	
DATE: 03-26-2024	CASE #:23-100
TIME:	
LOCATION:	

On 03-19-2024 at approximately 1745 hours Belle Police Sergeant Mark Morgan informed me that he had spoken with Mayor Daryl White Jr. earlier that evening and learned that he had received a copy of Maries County Sheriff Detective Dale Harp's investigative reports through his attorney as part of Discovery provided by the Maries County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

I informed Sgt. Morgan that I would like to see those reports if Mayor White would consent to releasing a copy of them to me. Sgt. Morgan informed me later that evening that Mayor White consented to release copies of the reports to me and he had forwarded them to me by email.

I reviewed the investigative reports submitted to Prosecutor Skouby by Detective Dale Harp and found that he had interviewed former Belle City Clerk Frankie Hortsman on 12-20-2023. Ms. Hortsman reportedly told Det. Harp that she had been approached by another city employee, Clay Ridenhour, who told her that Mayor White had stolen some paint.

It should be noted that Sheriff Heitman provided information in his Affidavit to secure a search warrant for the City of Belle properties and a Probable Cause Statement seeking criminal charges against Mayor White for stealing, misuse of the City's credit card and misuse of City funds and suggested that he look into the financial records.

I noted that Ms. Hortsman did not provide any of that information to Detective Harp during their interview when the search warrant was executed at the City of Belle on 12-20-2023. According to Det. Harp's report, Ms. Horstman only reported the stolen paint and suspected that some asphalt cold patch was possibly missing.

Det. Harp reported that he interviewed Clay Ridenhour on 12-20-2023 and that Mr. Ridenhour told him that he watched Mayor Daryl White Jr. and City Maintenance Supervisor Darin Guinn "pack up" and carry the spray paint out of the shop to Mayor White's truck.

Det. Harp reported that Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. J. Fariole and he extensively interviewed Belle Maintenance Supervisor Darin Guinn on 12-20-2023. He reported that Mr. Guinn continuously denied being present when the paint was taken from the Maintenance Shop but stated that he knew Mayor White had taken it because he had asked him about using some prior to it being taken from the shop.

It should be noted that when I interviewed Mayor White he stated that no one else was present in the Maintenance Shop when he picked up the paint (Supplemental Report #8) and Supervisor Guinn stated that the paint was gone when the crew returned to the shop one day and no one was present when the paint was taken.

It should also be noted that Darin Guinn told me that he had confronted Clay Ridenhour and asked why that he had told investigators that he was involved and he said that Clay Ridenhour told him that "They" had him pinched for something and that he had to "squeal" or else "they" would get him into trouble (Supplemental Report #5).

Based on my interviews with Mayor White and Supervisor Guinn, it was determined that Clay Ridenhour was apparently coerced into providing a fabricated statement to Detective Harp.

On 03-21-2024 I learned from Sgt. Morgan that Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby told him that he had recused himself from all of the Belle related cases including State of Missouri vs. Daryl White Jr. due to conflicts of interest as well as his relationships with everyone involved.

On 03-25-2024 I spoke with Mr. Skouby and informed him that I had recently gained new information that would cause me to need to continue my investigation regarding Sheriff Heitman and asked if he could request a Special Prosecutor in that matter as well based on the same conflicts.

Mr. Skouby told me that it would be possible and asked if I had a Probable Cause Statement to submit. I informed him that I had not completed this investigation therefore I had not written a Probable Cause Statement, however I was possibly going to need to request subpoenas and such related documents and would prefer to not have to draw him into the matter further, having the same conflicts as the other three Belle Cases that he forwarded to the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Skouby told me that he would have to seek approval from Maries County Associate Circuit Judge Kerry Rowden and requested that I provide some documentation to support my request.

On 03-26-2024 I provided an Affidavit in Support of Application For Assignment of a Special Prosecutor to Mr. Skouby. He agreed to forward the Affidavit to Judge Rowden for review.

On the afternoon of 03-26-2024 I returned to Vienna City Hall where I found a Chapter 610 request for records issued by Sheriff Chris Heitman that had been delivered by a member of the Maries County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Heitman requested all records, reports, probable cause statements, etc. involving the investigation of criminal wrong doing of him or his staff, generated in the past seven years.

I responded to Sheriff Heitman by email and informed him that I anticipated that said request would take between 14 and 21 business days to complete.

On 03-27-2024, Prosecutor Skouby called me and reported that Judge Rowden wished to have written statements from everyone that I had interviewed during my investigation to prove any conflicts of interest.

This investigation remains open.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Thompson, Chief

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson	CASE #: 23-100
DATE: 01-02-2024	Supplemental Report #2
TIME: 1915 hours	
LOCATION: Phone Interview	

On 12-27-2023 I received an informational report from Belle Police Sergeant Mark Morgan that he had generated regarding the alleged misconduct and perjury by Maries County Sheriff Harold C. Heitman. I reviewed the report and supporting documents.

On 01-02-2024 at approximately 1915 hours I called Mark Morgan by telephone and conducted an interview. Sgt. Morgan told me that he had never been informed that a handgun may be missing from the Police inventory nor that any other suspected thefts had occurred from the City.

I asked Sgt. Morgan if he had witnessed the allegedly stolen spray paint being used on the City Christmas floats. He told me that he was not present when the floats were painted but noted that a lot of black spray paint had been used on the floats prior to his arrival. He said that he did not know what brand of paint had been used nor did he know until after the Sheriff's investigation where it had originated from.

Sgt. Morgan recalled that Mayor Daryl White, Jr. and wife, City Treasurer Charro Reasor and husband, City Councilwoman Emily Williams and he and his wife had worked on the floats at Mayor White's garage.

Sgt. Morgan told me that he had used several zip ties on the float that had also apparently come from the City Garage as well.

There is nothing further to report.

Shannon Thompson, Chief
Vienna Police Dept.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson	CASE #: 23-100
DATE: 01-05-2024	Supplemental Report #5
TIME: 1107 Hours	
LOCATION: Belle City Maintenance Garage	

On 01-04-2024 at approximately at approximately 1535 hours I sought and was granted consent from Maries County prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby to interview Belle City Maintenance Director Darin Guinn.

On 01-05-2024 at approximately 1107 hours I conducted an electronically recorded interview with Mr. Guinn. Mr. Guinn told me that a Sheriff's Detective and a Missouri State Highway Patrol Investigator had questioned him regarding the theft of spray paint.

Mr. Guinn told me that he had placed the order for the paint and it had arrived at their shop. He told me that there was a box of green paint, a box of blue paint and a box of black paint. Mr. Guinn said that the green and blue paint was intended to be used to mark streets (to mark water and sewer line locations) and the black paint was intended to be used to paint steps and such on their trucks.

Mr. Guinn told me that Mayor White asked if he could get some of the paint. Mr. Guinn said that he told Mayor White that he could have some of it and that it was sitting on the bench in the shop. Mr. Guinn told me that he found out after investigation that the paint had been used during construction of the City's Christmas Festival floats.

Mr. Guinn said that the paint had been there for about two weeks before Mayor White asked for it and one day he saw that it was gone and he assumed that Mayor White had picked it up. Mr. Guinn volunteered that he was sure that Mayor White had a legitimate use for the paint.

Mr. Guinn told me that he had read the Probable Cause Statement produced by Sheriff Heitman which stated that Clay Ridenhour told investigators that they had watched Mayor White remove the paint from the shop. Mr. Guinn said "That never happened". He said that he did not see anyone remove the paint.

Mr. Guinn confirmed that the Christmas floats had black paint on them when they were returned.

Mr. Guinn told me that he suspected that Clay Ridenhour had called the Sheriff. He explained that Mr. Ridenhour was mad at Mayor White for some unknown reason.

Mr. Guinn told me that he had later confronted Mr. Ridenhour for involving him in the investigation. Mr. Guinn told me that Clay Ridenhour disclosed to him that "he had to". Mr. Guinn clarified that Mr. Ridenhour told him that "They" had him "pinched" for something and that if he didn't "squeal" then he would be in trouble. I asked Mr. Guinn if Mr. Ridenhour disclosed who "they" were and he speculated that it had been Sheriff's investigators.

Mr., Guinn agreed to and provided a written statement regarding this information. (See attached)

This investigation remains open.

Shannon Thompson, Chief
Vienna Police Dept.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson	CASE #: 23-100
DATE: 01-14-2023	Supplemental Report #7
TIME: 1820 Hours	
LOCATION: Belle Police Department	

On 01-03-2023 Belle Police Sgt. Mark Morgan informed me that while working on reports in their records management system, he had located a report generated by Marshal Jerry Coborn regarding the Sheriff's investigation into theft from the City of Belle. I asked if I could obtain a copy of that report and he agreed to forward a copy to me.

On 01-04-2024 I interviewed Charro Reasor at the Belle Police Department. When the interview had concluded, Deputy Marshal Erican Sugg provided me with Belle Police Department Report #23-000341 that was dated 12-19-2023 and appeared to have been generated by Marshal Coborn.

I later reviewed the report. In it, Marshal Coborn reported that Mayor Daryl White Jr. and he had gone into Mayor White's office where Mayor White accessed the firearms locker so Marshal Coborn could retrieve a handgun and badge to issue to Deputy Marshal E.Sugg on 11-20-2022.

He again stated in the report that Mayor White expressed interest in a Glock handgun with a Masonic emblem engraved on it and that he asked "Can I have this one?" and Marshal Coborn gave a non-verbal response by shrugging his shoulders.

Marshal Coborn reported that he was not happy that Mayor White had taken the gun. He went on to report that he did not feel that he could rely on his deputy marshals Erican Sugg or Mark Morgan to report illegal activity that involved Mayor White but his report did not specify any suspected illegal activity that he believed that Mayor White was engaging in.

Marshal Coborn went on to report that he had evidence of several Sunshine Law violations that Mayor White had committed and that he had attempted to address personnel issues and harassment complaints during Council meetings but felt that he had not been allowed to voice those issues to the Council due to the Mayor interjecting during those meetings.

The last paragraph of Marshal Coborn's report stated "I do not feel Daryl White Jr. has any intentions to bring the firearm back and I made Sheriff Chris Heitman aware and I'm still trying to get evidence on Daryl using his position as Mayor to do what he want to whom he wants".

It should be noted that this report appeared to have been generated at 0923 hours on 12-19-2023 however during my interview with Marshal Coborn on 12-21-2023, he told me that he had conducted an inventory of the gun locker on 12-19-2023, found that the handgun in question was inside the locker and he produced text messages that he exchanged with Sheriff Heitman at 1044 hours that date, when he reported that information to Sheriff Heitman.

During our interview, Marshal Coborn told me that he was concerned that Mayor White may have taken the handgun but was unsure. He told me that he believed that Mayor White had the gun but had not re-entered the gun locker to verify if the gun was missing, nor had he conducted an inventory between 11-20-2022 and 12-19-2023.

During that interview, Marshal Coborn told me that Mayor White was a law abiding citizen to the best of his knowledge but his written report contradicted that, stating that he had witnessed Mayor White

committing undisclosed illegal activities.

The written report of Marshal Jerry Coborn led me to believe that he was apparently disgruntled with Mayor White and the content of his report contained statements that were inconsistent with those that he made to me during our interview. This led me to believe that Marshal Coborn would be an unreliable witness in the Sheriff's theft investigation or this investigation of alleged perjury by Sheriff Heitman.

Based on the content of Marshal Coborn's police report, I believe that it is probable that he provided unsubstantiated information to Sheriff Heitman that led him to believe that Mayor White had taken the Glock handgun in question from the gun locker located inside the Mayor's office.

There is nothing further to report regarding this report. A copy of Marshal Coborn's report will be attached.

Shannon Thompson, Chief
Vienna Police Dept.

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson	
DATE: 03-27-2024	CASE #: 23-100
TIME: 1750 hours	Supplemental Report #10
LOCATION: Telephone Interview	

On 03-27-2024 I interviewed former Belle City Maintenance Director Jason Lewis by telephone. Mr. Lewis was properly identified as:

Jason Lewis
35892 Hwy 28
Belle, Mo. 65013
(573) 789-5545.

Mr. Lewis explained that while he was employed as the maintenance Director for Belle, Mayor Daryl White, Jr. had approached them and asked the maintenance crew to set up an account with the company that distributed Kimball-Midwest products to order some spray paint and supplies.

Mr. Lewis told me that Mayor White did business with that company at his business shop and he told them that "they did good work". Mr. Lewis told me that he disagreed with setting up the account and had a policy that no other employees ordered items for their shop except him because he was responsible for the maintenance budget.

Mr. Lewis told me that he did not feel that the City needed the paint. He said that Mayor White had Maintenance employee (at that time), Darin Guinn set up the account and make the order.

Mr. Lewis confirmed that he had been contacted by Sheriff Heitman regarding the stolen paint from the Belle Maintenance Garage. He told me that he had seen the redacted affidavits produced by Sheriff Heitman and noted that his statement that he had provided to Sheriff Heitman had been incorrectly reported.

Mr. Lewis explained that Sheriff Heitman asked him repeatedly about one hundred (100) bottles of lubricant that had been ordered and were missing. Mr. Lewis told me that he had associated bottles of lubricant to mean oil and noted that they did not use bottled oil in the shop, therefore he had told Sheriff Heitman that they would not have been purchased for use by the City.

He said that the Sheriff asked him if the City would use one hundred (100) bottles of lubricant and Mr. Lewis told him "No, they definitely would not have used 100 bottles". Mr. Lewis told me that Sheriff Heitman did not ask him about missing "zip ties" but believed that he had possibly confused the two.

Mr. Lewis told me that he discussed with the Sheriff where the items may have gone to and he recalled suggesting to Sheriff Heitman to go check whoever (at the City) had shops. He told me that Mayor White and Clay Ridenhour both had shops that they ran businesses out of.

Mr. Lewis recalled that two days later, the Sheriff served a search warrant at the City of Belle Maintenance Garage, which did not make sense to him.

Mr. Lewis went on to explain that Maintenance Employee Clay Ridenhour had been the acting Maintenance director before he was hired into that position. He told me that he had learned that while Mr. Ridenhour was the acting Director, he had ordered a lot of "stuff" that Mr. Lewis associated with

excavating and water installation type work. Mr. Lewis told me that he was unable to locate most of the items that Mr. Ridenhour had purchased with City funds while in that position but without further proof that the items had been misappropriated, he chose to not pursue the matter.

It should be noted that a google search of Clay Ridenhour identified him as the owner and operator of "Missouri Water Source", specializing in septic system construction.

Mr. Lewis told me that he had learned from Belle City Office Manager Charro Reasor that Clay Ridenhour had spent approximately \$50,000 per month while acting as their Maintenance Director.

Mr. Lewis told me that former City Clerk Frankie Horstman communicated regularly with Sheriff Heitman and believed that she had been responsible for the complaint to the Sheriff about the missing paint.

There was nothing further to report from this interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Thompson, Chief

VIENNA, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

OFFICER: Shannon Thompson	CASE #: 23-100
DATE: 05-02-2024	Supplemental Report #11
TIME: 1442 hours	
LOCATION: Belle City Administration Building	

On 05-02-2024 I conducted an electronically recorded interview with Clay Ridenhour in the presence of Missouri State Highway Patrol Sergeant Marcus Reynolds.

Mr. Ridenhour was properly identified as:

Clay B. Ridenhour
11224 Hwy 28 E.
Vichy, Mo. 65580

Mr. Ridenhour explained that he had spoken with former City Clerk, Frankie Horstman regarding paint missing from inside the maintenance garage. I asked him to explain.

Mr. Ridenhour told me that Mayor White had taken some paint that had been specially ordered for him and that he had Darin Guinn order it. He said that he did not know what Mayor White's intention was with it but it looked "awful odd".

I asked Mr. Ridenhour how that he had come to know that Mayor White had taken the paint. He told me that Daryl White had the paint and he asked Darin Guinn where the paint went and he said "Daryl took it."

I asked Mr. Ridenhour if he saw Daryl White leave the Maintenance Garage with the paint and he told me that he did not see Mr. White leave with the paint. He explained that he saw Mayor White and Maintenance Director Darin Guinn at the back of the shop talking and Mayor White was holding the paint. He said that Mayor White left the garage and he later noted that the paint was missing and he asked Mr. Guinn where the paint was and Mr. Guinn told him that Mr. White took it.

Mr. Ridenhour confirmed that he had received a phone call from Maries County Chief Deputy Sheriff Scott John and they discussed the up-coming Sheriff's race and some other, unrelated matters around Belle. He did not recall speaking with Deputy John about the missing paint. He told me that Deputy John told him that Sheriff Heitman would be calling him soon and within the hour he was contacted by Sheriff Heitman who inquired about the paint being taken from the garage.

I asked Mr. Ridenhour what he told Sheriff Heitman and he said that he had told them "the same thing as I told you guys". I asked if he told Sheriff Heitman that he saw Mr. White carry the paint out and he reiterated that he saw Mr. White holding the paint while talking with Mr. Guinn and that he did not see Daryl White carry the paint out of the garage.

Mr. Ridenhour confirmed that he was interviewed by Sheriff Heitman prior to the search warrant execution at the City and was interviewed by a Sheriff's Detective and a Missouri State Highway Patrol Investigator on the day of the search warrant. He told me that the Detective had audio recorded their interview.

I asked Mr. Ridenhour what he told the Detective and Highway Patrol investigator and he replied "I think the same thing". Mr. Ridenhour denied that he told the investigators or the Sheriff that he saw Daryl White carry the paint out from the garage.

I presented Mr. Ridenhour with the information that I had received that he told co-workers that Law Enforcement "had him pinched" and the suspected coercion of his statement. Mr. Ridenhour denied that he had been approached by law enforcement and forced to provide information.

I presented him with the information that Sheriff's Detective Dale Harp had written in his interview report of their interview and that he told investigators that he watched Daryl White and Darin Guinn pack up the paint and carry it out to Daryl's truck. Mr. Ridenhour again denied that he told investigators that.

I informed Mr. Ridenhour that both Mr. White and Mr. Guinn denied that anyone was inside the Maintenance Garage when Mr. White picked up the paint. Mr. Ridenhour said that it was possible that Mr. White returned and picked up the paint. He told me that he asked Darin Guinn later that day or possibly the following day where the paint went and Mr. Guinn told him that "Daryl took it".

I asked Mr. Ridenhour again if he told investigators that he saw Mr. White or Mr. Guinn carry the paint out from the shop. He told me "No. I told them that day that I did not physically see them walk out with that, I did not see them put it in his truck". Mr. Ridenhour clarified, when asked, that at no time did he recall telling the Sheriff or the Investigators that he saw Mayor White or Maintenance Director Guinn walk out of the building with the paint.

Mr. Ridenhour explained that there were three bay doors on their shop and one of the Christmas parade floats was parked in the bay where they normally parked their service truck (toward the front of the shop).

Sgt. Reynolds asked Mr. Ridenhour how it was that he did not see Mr. White leave the garage with the paint. Mr. Ridenhour told us that he was on his lunch break and was distracted while looking at his phone. He told us that the parade float blocked his view of the shop entrance door.

I asked Mr. Ridenhour again whether he did or did not see Mr. White leave the shop. After a brief pause, Mr. Ridenhour said that he could not recall.

I returned to the information received that Mr. Ridenhour had told others that he had been "pinched". Mr. Ridenhour again denied that anyone had coerced him to provide information.

At the end of the interview, Mr. Ridenhour reiterated that he told "Chris" (Sheriff Heitman) and the Investigators the same information that he had told us.

It should be noted that I offered Mr. Ridenhour the opportunity to provide a voluntary written statement but he decline.

There is nothing further to report regarding this interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Thompson, Chief

Maries County Sheriffs Department

Case MCS23-0737 - UNAPPROVED DRAFT

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Status	Pending
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Dale Harp
Investigator	Dale Harp
Reported At	12/19/23 00:07
Incident Date	12/19/23 00:07
Incident Code	STEAL : Stealing
Location	106 3RD, BELLE
Zone	
Beat	
Court	None
Referral County	None
Disposition	Under Investigation
Disposition Date/Time	02/05/24 15:31
Review for Gang Activity	None

Arrestee

WHITE, DARYL W, JR
 Male, DOB 2/2/76
 1000 S ALVARADO AVE
 BELLE, MO 65013
 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

Offender

WHITE, DARYL W, JR
 Male, DOB 2/2/76
 1000 S ALVARADO AVE
 BELLE, MO 65013
 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150 AND NO
 PRIOR STEALING (All Other)
 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

Suspect

WHITE, DARYL W, JR
 Male, DOB 2/2/76
 1000 S ALVARADO AVE
 BELLE, MO 65013
 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150 AND NO
 PRIOR STEALING (All Other)

Victim

STATE, OF MISSOURI
 Unknown
 211 FORTH STREET
 VIENNA, MO 65582
 (572) 422-3381 Business
 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150 AND NO
 PRIOR STEALING (All Other)

Witness

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Guinn, Darin L
Male, DOB 2/19/82
35593 HIGHWAY 28 W
BELLE, MO 65013

570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150 AND NO
PRIOR STEALING (All Other)
576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

(573) 205-0739 Cell

HORSTMAN, FRANKIE L
Female, DOB 6/17/75
301 N ALVARADO AVE
BELLE, MO 65013

576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150 AND NO
PRIOR STEALING (All Other)

RIDENHOUR, CLAY B
Male, DOB 7/7/75
11224 HWY 28 E
VICHY, MO 65580

570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150 AND NO
PRIOR STEALING (All Other)
576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

Other

BUCKHOLDER, SHERREE
Not Specified, DOB 5/5/58
302 E WW CIRCLE DRIVE
BELLE, MO 65013

Interviewed: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
Interviewed: 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150
AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)

Goben, James EDWARD
Male, DOB 7/8/65
20951 MARIES ROAD 309
BELLE, MO 6501365013
(573) 263-8525 Home
(573) 265-0558 Home
(573) 265-5099 Home
(573) 263-8525 Cell

Interviewed: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
Interviewed: 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150
AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)

Guinn, Darin L
Male, DOB 2/19/82
35593 HIGHWAY 28 W
BELLE, MO 65013
(573) 205-0739 Cell

Interviewed: 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150
AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)
Interviewed: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

HORSTMAN, FRANKIE L
Female, DOB 6/17/75
301 N ALVARADO AVE
BELLE, MO 65013

Interviewed: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

HOWARTH, BARB S
Female, DOB 4/19/41
412 S BELLE AVE
BELLE, MO 65013
(314) 609-5151 Cell

Interviewed: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
Interviewed: 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150
AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)

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MITCHELL, JAMES
Male, DOB 5/15/58
704 JOHNSON AVE
BELLE, MO 65013
(573) 859-3513 Cell

Interviewed: 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150
AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)
Interviewed: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

REASOR, CHARRO
Not Specified, DOB 9/25/78
34500 MARIES ROAD 411
BELLE, MO 65013
(573) 859-3513 Cell
(573) 859-3513 Business

Interviewed: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
Interviewed: 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150
AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)

REASOR, RALPH PAUL
Not Specified, DOB 6/20/74
34500 MARIES ROAD 411
BELLE, MO 65013
(573) 263-6109 Cell

Interviewed: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
Interviewed: 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150
AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)

RIDENHOUR, CLAY B
Male, DOB 7/7/75
11224 HWY 28 E
VICHY, MO 65580

Interviewed: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
Interviewed: 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150
AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)

STATE, OF MISSOURI
Unknown
211 FORTH STREET
VIENNA, MO 65582
(572) 422-3381 Business

Other: 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150 AND
NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)
Other: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
Victim (other): 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150
AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)
Victim (other): 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

WHITE, DARYL W, JR
Male, DOB 2/2/76
1000 S ALVARADO AVE
BELLE, MO 65013

Involved Party: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

WILLIAMS, EMILY ROSETTA
Female, DOB 7/31/85
403 EAST FIRST STREET
BELLE, MO 65013
(573) 241-1771 Home
(573) 647-9192 Cell
(573) 000-0000 Cell
(573) 202-5252 Cell

Interviewed: 576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
Interviewed: 570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150
AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)

Primary Narrative By Dale Harp, 12/19/23 18:59

INITIAL CASE REPORT

On December 18, 2023 I was informed that Sheriff Heitman had received a tip of stolen materials and a stolen firearm from the Belle city maintenance department and the Belle city hall. This information was received by Sheriff Heitman by a source who worked as a Belle city employee.

They informed me witnesses identified as Clay Ridenhour and Darin Guinn had observed White stealing several cans of spray paint from the city road department garage, the source also stated Jason Lewis was in charge of the Public Works Department and he would know more about these items .

This source also stated that they believed White was also misusing the city's credit card again and suggested I check financial records . Sheriff Heitman contacted Jason Lewis and asked him about the spray paint purchased by the city . Mr Lewis stated he did not authorize the purchase , and White had Darren Guinn, an employee of his, order it from a buddy of White's . Mr Lewis further stated that the city did not need those items , nor were they used by the city while he was employed there. Additionally, Mr Lewis stated Kimball Midwest the company those items were purchased from, did not have an account with the city at the time. He stated White made him set up an account because he was friends with the account rep and he used him in his private business.

Sheriff Heitman then spoke with Clay Ridenhour, who was still a current employee for the city , about the incident. Mr Ridenhour stated that White had Darin Guinn order the items back in September. Mr Ridenhour stated that he observed White take the box containing 12 cans of Kimball Midwest black spray paint out of the city road department garage about a week after the shipment arrived at the city. Mr Ridenhour also stated he hasn't seen the items since and that none of the stolen items were at the city or used by the city employees that he has seen. When Sheriff Heitman asked Mr Ridenhour why he didn't report the incident he stated he was in fear of losing his job.

Sheriff Heitman was able to obtain a packing slip of the items that were shipped to the city on September 26, 2023 , which included 36 cans of paint 3 cans of lubricant and 100 cable ties ; 12 of which were black spray paint. Sheriff Heitman also obtained the city of Belle Bills that need to be paid from October 2023 city Council meeting, which included a \$477.97 purchase to Kimball Midwest. Sheriff Heitman obtained the minutes White signed where the purchase of those items were approved.

Sheriff Heitman contacted the Belle City Marshall Jerry Coborn about the incident. While speaking to Marshall Coborn , he told Sheriff Heitman that White also took one of the police department firearms. Marshall Coborn explained that this occurred while he was appointed by Mayor White as the chief of police, and he had not been elected yet. Marshall Coborn said White and him were looking at the firearms in the locker on or about November 20th, 2022 when White saw a Glock that had a Masonic emblem on it. White stated "I like this one", "I am taking it home". Chief Coborn stated he knew it was wrong but didn't say anything to white because he was afraid. Marshall Coborn stated he had not seen the pistol since. Marshall Coborn stated that he did not report the incident at the time because White was his boss, and he was in fear of losing his job and pay, and he needs the job to support his family. Marshall Coborn stated he is obligated to tell Sheriff Heitman now because White continues to do things wrong . In the evening hours of December 19th, 2023 Sheriff Heitman contacted Marshall Coborn to get the serial number of the stolen firearm and Marshall Coborn informed Sheriff Heitman it had been placed back in the locker.

Dale Harp, 917
Detective MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 12/20/23 19:30

INTERVIEW OF CLAY RIDENHOUR

12/20/2023
INTERVIEW WITH CLAY RIDENHOUR

On 12/20/2023 I spoke with Clay Ridenhour DOB:07/07/1975 in reference s allegations of theft of city property and that I was investigating the allegations. This interview took place at the Belle City Road Department Maintenance building located behind the Belle City police station.

I asked Ridenhour if he ever witnessed any city employees taking city property and Ridenhour state "yes". I asked Ridenhour if anyone else witnessed it and Ridenhour informed me that he thinks Darin witnessed it. Ridenhour was referring to Darin Guinn DOB:02/19/1982 who was the supervisor for the city of Belle works department.

I asked Ridenhour if he would go into detail of what he witnessed. Ridenhour stated that Mr. White our Mayor (Daryle White, Jr. DOB:02/02/1976) had Darin order some paint, it was in the shop and him (White) and Guinn loaded the stuff up and walked out the door and the paint never come back. Darin returned without the paint. Ridenhour stated he is 99 % sure because when he asked Guinn where the paint went, Guinn said "Daryle (White) took it".

I asked Ridenhour if he knew where White took the paint and Ridenhour stated no he put it in his vehicle and left.

I asked Ridenhour if he knew where the paint came from, Ridenhour stated Kimball Midwest supply. That's a distributor that makes products and sales them. Stated it was the first time they have ordered from them. Ridenhour went one to explain that Guinn had them as a supplier when he worked at Royle Oak . So Mayor White had Guinn order regular Paint, ground marking paint, zip ties and lubricant all through Kimball Midwest.

Ridenhour stated when Mayor White wanted the items ordered through Kimball Midwest, Jason Lewis(was the supervisor at the time of order) told Guinn that we could not order from Midwest but Quinn went ahead and ordered items by directive of Mayor White.

Ridenhour again reiterated that when the items came in them guys (Guinn and Mayor White) took it out . Stated that he witnessed them leaving with the items.

I asked Ridenhour if knew or suspected where the items were. Ridenhour stated he suspected the items were at Mayor White Shop if he had not used them already. I asked Ridenhour what he meant by shop, Ridenhour replied with Whites.Auto.Glass. (Whites auto.glass is a private business owned by Mayor White and his Father Daryle White Sr.).

I also asked Ridenhour about another issue that was raised and brought to my attention, I informed Ridenhour that there was some asphalt that was in question. Ridenhour stated yup, laid in a place that it shouldn't have been. I asked if the parking lot of Padgett's Place (Bar and Grill,215 S Alvarado Ave, Belle, MO 65013), a city property? Ridenhour stated no. Not that he was aware of. Ridenhour stated he did not witness any of the asphalt being laid.

Ridenhour stated all he could tell me was the city of Belle ordered a load of cold patch, 20 something tons was ordered and Justin Smith delivered it to the yard where the water tower is located(he was referring to the Maintenance yard where the dog kennels and water tower is located, common storage area for all road department materials). Back then Ridenhour stated he was working 8 hours days and Jason Lewis was working 10-hour days. So, the next day after delivery he came in and the Padgett's Bar parking lot was done and the pile from the yard was clearly less then the prior day. Ridenhour stated it was just an eyeball estimate but was visible.

Ridenhour stated that Justin Smith hauled the cold patch for the city from Willard asphalt, and it was paid for by the city.

Ridenhour stated the city claimed Nathan Hale had a dump truck of hot load and had asphalt left over from a job. Had to get rid of it so it was brought to Padgett's.

Ridenhour also stated that other concerns he had were alderman (JAMES Michell) telling him what to do while he was on the job getting paid for the city. Stated that the alderman were not his supervisor.

Observation :During the interview Ridenhour was very calm and relaxed

Dale Harp, 917
Detective , MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 12/20/23 19:33

INTERVIEW WITH DARIN GUINN

12/20/2023

INTERVIEW WITH DARIN GUINN

On 12/20/2023 I spoke with Darin Guinn DOB:02/19/1982 in reference s allegations of theft of city property and that I was investigating the allegations. This interview took place at the Belle City Road Department Maintenance building located behind the Belle City police station.

Guinn stated he had been employed for 6 months. I asked Guinn how long he has been a supervisor for the city of Belle road department , Guinn laughed and stated since the last board meeting, implying since the month of December, just took the position.

Guinn stated he placed an order from Kimball Midwest himself. I asked Guinn if this was a normal distributor for the city? Guinn replied, its gonna be. I stated to Guinn, I understood he was doing what he thought was right being a supervisor, Guinn stated it was ordered before he was supervisor. (this statement confirming Ridenhour's statement during interview).

Guinn stated he ordered paint, marking paint, zip ties, solvent. I asked Guinn to elaborate on the order of items. Asked him if the items were purchased for the city and Guinn stated yes, even repeated what I said stated "for the city".

I asked Guinn if those items were used for the city and Guinn replied with "yes" except for some things I don't know where they went. Guinn stated there was a case of black spray paint was gone it was not in his paint cabinet. I asked Guinn, so you don't know who took it or do you suspect who took it. Guinn answered with Here (referring to the maintenance shop personnel), there is only a hand full of people. Guinn then stated "I don't want to throw anyone under the bus, but if I had my guess, it a been Daryle"(referring to Mayor White)."But I don't know that for sure, but if I had to guess".

I asked Guinn who told him to order those items. Guinn told me that he called Mayor White and asked him if he could place an order, because the maintenance department was out of marking paint, zip ties, and penetrating oil and stuff like that. Guinn went on to tell me he went over Jason's head because he was the supervisor at the time, and he wasn't around. So, Guinn made the call to order but got approval from Mayor White. Guinn stated that he knew Troy (Kimball Account sales representative) and Troy went to Charro (Belle City Treasurer) and set the account up so an order could be placed.

I also asked Guinn about the asphalt which was brought up about misappropriated use. Guinn stated he knew where that's at (insinuating the Padgett's Place Bar and Grill, 215 S Alvarado Ave, Belle, MO 65013), but could not prove nothing, stated him and clay were gone. the parking lot in town. He had asphalt delivered at the storage site for use of filling potholes on roads, then the next day he could see bucket tracks around the pile, and he could tell the pile was getting low. Guinn stated it was something he did not see but he knows it is gone.

Guinn stated he asked about it and was told the asphalt was brought in by an outside truck, Nathan Hail. Guinn confirmed that Justin Smith did deliver the Belle city asphalt that was purchased by Belle. Guinn stated that if he had to estimate there were 7 or 8 backhoe buckets missing from the city pile.

I asked Guinn again about the items that were missing (Black spray paint zip ties), that he has not seen them since the items came in, Guinn stated "No they weren't on the bench or in the cabinet where all the rest of the paint is at". I asked Guinn if he suspected somebody? Guinn answered with "I don't suspect anybody, but if I had my guess it was probably Daryle(mayor White) because he uses a lot of Kimball shit and has bought from them many times before.

Guinn was asked by Trooper Fariole of the DDCC if he had ever ordered through Kimball Midwest before and Guinn stated that it was the first time ordering from here (meaning City of Belle) Guinn also stated he wasn't the supervisor at the time. Trooper Fariole explained to Guinn that right now he was just being viewed as a witness, explaining to Guinn that their has been other people stating other things have unfolded differently than what he has told us.

Trooper Fariole stated to Guinn that we wanted everything to get out in the open now, that way later on down the road we find out that Guinn is more involved than what he is telling us. (opening up a door for Guinn to completely being truthful about the entire Missing paint). Guinn stated again that if he had his guess about it, "he (Mayor White) is probably the one who has got it". Trooper Fariole stated, why do you think that, Guinn stated because he (Mayor White) uses a lot of paint. Guinn was asked did he (Mayor White) tell you to order the paint. Guinn stated "no" I asked for it. Guinn stated he was going to use the paint to do touch ups on steps, dually bed and petty stuff odds and ends. When asked what kind of paint was it, Guinn replied with black spray paint, in rattle can. Trooper Fariole asked Guinn Directly "would you tell us if you knew where it went" Guinn replied "sure" but I was not here when it left, if I seen it I would tell you for sure. Again it was explained to Guinn that someone had to of seen something, its only spray paint, that it wasn't that big of an ordeal. But if someone is going to lie about spray paint which is a misdemeanor ordeal, then what else are they willing to lie about.

Guinn stated that the Mayor White did not tell him that he was taken the paint. It was explained to Guinn, for him to say that, it leads us to believe that he knows more than what he is telling us. Guinn stated that mayor white has made comments about hey I can use some of that or do you have anymore of that. On occasion shit like that's happened. I don't know if he did it or not, I promise,

Again it was explained to Guinn that if he was forced to order things it could be explained and understood. Guinn stated clearly "I was not forced to order anything and it was purely my call". Guinn was asked if the city has ever ordered that type of spray paint before, Guinn answered "NO". Guinn was asked has the city ever had spray paint similar to that,

Guinn answered "NO". It was explained to Guinn that's where things start to differ, because it is a brand that the city has never used before and that box of spray paint comes up missing. Guinn was asked if he kind of sees the red flag, Guinn stated "I see the red flag, its sticking right in his ass". Trooper Fariole asked Guinn directly why was this ordered and where did it go? Guinn said "I'm pretty sure it went with Daryle (Mayor White)". He didn't tell me to order it, it was purely me because I was gonna fix up some of this junk in here.

Guinn was asked since the spray paint has been missing, has there been an attempt to order new spray paint. Guinn said "NO". When asked why is that, Guinn stated I just have not ordered any.

Trooper Fariole explained to Guinn that it is kind of odd, if the spray paint was ordered for a specific city task and came up missing but wasn't reordered; then that's concerning. Was this a one and done order or why was it not reordered if it was for painting city equipment.

Guinn stated he thinks Daryl(mayor White) has got it because he's the only one that goes around using it. When asked what he would use it on , Guinn stated just everything. I asked Guinn would it be personal, Guinn stated I don't know if personal but what ever you use spray paint for.

I told Guinn that I don't know a Mayor that goes out and spray paints city equipment and does Guinn's job. Guinn replied with "It wouldn't be for the City". Trooper Fariole asked Guinn what he meant by that , Guinn stated well cause he don't really do anything over here.

Guinn again stated that he (Mayor White) did not make me order it but he might have said hey I can use some of that. Whether it be spray paint or roll of tape or whatever. "that's where I figured it probably went, did I say anything about, "No". Everybody has talked about it a time or two, wondering where it went. Probably went there , probably went here, that's all been kicked around. As far as me doing it for him, man I didn't do it. Trooper Fariole stated that he did not know Guinn but if he did do something it's better to explain it now than later.

Guinn stated he has asked about things like that , I ordered it , he asked about a few things and know its gone, did he take it ,probably so. Did I see him take it ,No. Did he ask me to get it for him , No. I did get it for here.

Guinn stated, After it was gone , we write it up, yup he's probably got it, did I order it back , nope, I have not ordered another order yet.

Guinn stated that he noticed it missing a week or week and half after he received the spray paint. That would possibly put the time of missing spray paint in early October , per Guinn.

During the interview I kind of changed directions and asked Guinn if a city equipment was used to lay the asphalt or a city employee was used to lay the asphalt in Padgget's parking lot. Guinn stated yes to both questions. I asked Guinn how he knew that he said he seen Jason up on the skid steer. If they had the skid steer, then they probably had the roller. So I stated to Gwen if they use the city equipment they also use city time and fuel. Guinn agreed. I asked Guinn if Jason Lewis would have done that without the mayor's permission, Guinn stated no. Guinn also stated he had several people speaking out that the city was using city funds to do non city work.

The Interview was redirected back to the spray paint. Trooper Fariole explained to Guinn that if he knew where the paint is or was involved with removing the spray paint by no means was he going to be arrested. Guinn stated I'm telling you right now if I helped him take the paint out of here, I would let you put me in cuffs. I swear to you. I wouldn't intently steer anyone wrong.

Guinn then stated do I know he took it, probably, yaah, Do I know for sure, no, I had not seen it.

Trooper Fariole asked Guinn if he was friends with Mayor White, Guinn stated yes. Then Guinn was asked about Mayor White's business, Guinn stated that he has been to Mayor Whites auto shop for coffee. Last time he was there was Monday (12/18/2023).

Then Guinn abruptly stated, "I'm pretty sure he's got it: well FUCK I know he's got it". Trooper Fariole asked Guinn why do you say you know he's got it? Guinn started to studder and wouldn't give a straight answer saying "Ah,AH,AH,AH, AH,AH,AH,""well you know what I mean."

Trooper Fariole informed Guinn that the conversation went from I think he has it to, I know he has it. Telling Guinn that's a big difference.

Guinn did ask us during the interview if does all this shit get out or Darin said this, (I took that as he was asking if what he talks about will people know) . Then Guinn told us that He (Mayor White) did ask if he could have some paint, I told him yea whatever, But I didn't know he was going to take the whole fucking case". Guinn stated that Mayor White

asked about paint and one day they came in and the Paint was gone. Trooper Farole asked Guinn if he left the Paint out for Mayor White, Guinn replied with I left it on the Bench. Trooper Farole asked, did he (Mayor White) know it was there, Guinn replied with "Yes". Guinn stated he called and told Mayor White the paint was there. Then it came up missing about a week later.

Observation :During the interview Guinn was very nervous

Dale Harp, 917
Detective, MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 12/20/23 19:45

interview with JAMES GOBEN

12/20/2023

INTERVIEW WITH JIM GOBEN

On 12/20/2023 I spoke with JAMES GOBEN DOB:07/08/1965 in reference s allegations of theft of city property and that I was investigating the allegations. This interview took place at the Belle City Road Department Maintenance building located behind the Belle City police station.

Mr GOBEN was unaware of the reason why I was conducting the investigation, I informed him I was investigating for stolen spray paint. Also, I asked Mr GOBEN if he was aware of Kimball MIDWEST company supplies. He Stated yes. Mr GOBEN stated that they have ordered products from Kimball Midwest Company. Stated that he thought the paint was in this tool locker in the maintenance bay.

Mr GOBEN was asked again if he'd heard anything about any paint that was missing again, he stated no he hadn't. I also asked Mr Goben about padgeant's bar parking lot with the asphalt was laid in the parking lot. Mr. GOBEN replied with yes, he knows that somebody donated the asphalt for the parking lot. Mr Goben also confirmed that Jason Lewis operated the equipment to lay the asphalt in the parking lot. Mr. GOBEN said that he thinks the time frame for the asphalt being laid was during the fair time. He stated that he works out at the park, and he was there during the time that asphalt was laid. He didn't have anything to do with it.

Observation :Mr. GOBEN's demeanor was calm, showed no nervousness at all answered questions to the best of his knowledge.

Dale harp, 917
Detective MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 12/20/23 19:47

interview with frankie Horstman

12/20/2023

INTERVIEW WITH Frankie Horstman

On 12/20/2023 I spoke with Frankie Horstman DOB: 06/17/1975 in reference s allegations of theft of city property and that I was investigating the allegations. This interview took place at the Belle City Hall main building located next to the

Belle City police station.

Mrs Horstman stated to me that she reached out to the Sheriff Heltman and told him that Mayor White was back at it again. The reason Horstman did that was because she was working for the city of Belle the last time Mayor White was in Office and he was caught using the city credit card to pay his personal bills. Mayor white back then was also forced to resign his position.

~~Horstman stated that Clay Ridenhour came to her with the information about the case of paint stolen from the City Maintenance building on a Monday because she is the only one who works on Monday and he did not feel comfortable talking around Reasor because Ridenhour and Horstman know that Reasor tells Mayor White everything that is discussed in City Hall.~~

Horstman stated that Clay Ridenhour came forward because Mayor White took the case of black spray paint and also the use of the asphalt that was used in the parking lot of Padgett's bar was from city funds. (which both Ridenhour and Guinn stated that they viewed the cold pack pile and it was apparent that some was missing).

Dale Harp, 917
Detective MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 12/20/23 19:51
INTERVIEW WITH CHARRO REASOR

12/20/2023

INTERVIEW WITH Charro Reasor

On 12/20/2023 I spoke with Charro Reasor DOB:09/25/1978 in reference s allegations of theft of city property and that I was investigating the allegations. This interview took place at the Belle City Hall main building located next to the Belle City police station.

CHARRO REASOR took Trooper Farole and I back to her office; we explained that we were looking for the Kimball Midwest bills and the order purchase for Kimball Midwest. Mrs. Reasor stated that the city of Belle paid one bill for Kimball Midwest on October 12th 2023 with a balance of \$477.97. Mrs Reasor also produced a copy of the bill and the invoice.

The invoice did show the following:

line 1 item number 80881CN description paint blk ordered 12 shipped 12
line 2 item number 26684 description cable ties ordered 100 shipped 100
line 3 item number 80744 description lubricant ordered 3 ship 3
line 4 item number 801138C description paint blu ordered 12 ship 12
line 5 item number 801139C description paint grn ordered 12 ship 12.

Mrs. Reasor explained the process that she has to go through to get the counsel members to approve payment of bills. Mrs. Reasor had all the copies requested by me. Also asked Mrs. Reasor if she had a copy of the Asphalt that was purchased by the city.

WILLARD ASPHALT PAVING , Inc for \$1926.11 / 22.84 ton dated 07/24/2023.

Mrs. Reasor stated that the mayor has authorization to prove up to \$500 in cash for city items. Anything over the 500 the mayor has to request permission.

Mrs Reasor did discuss with me about the asphalt that was delivered over a padgeant's bar and stated that Nathan Hall had some leftover on his truck and he brought the asphalt over and poured it in the parking lot of padgeants bar. Then Jason Lewis went over with the city equipment and rolled the asphalt. She also stated to me that's just what she heard she didn't witness anything.

Mrs Charro also provided copies of statements of city accounts,

Legends Bank General fund 05/2023 – 11/2023
City of Belle transaction journal
Christmas festival receipts
Receipts of Christmas items purchased

These items were also logged on to the Search Warrant served on same day.

Dale harp, 917
Detective MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 12/20/23 19:53
INTERVIEW WITH SHERREE BURKHOLDER

12/20/2023
INTERVIEW WITH Sherree Burkholder

On 12/20/2023 I spoke with Sherree Burkholder DOB: 05/05/1958 in reference s allegations of theft of city property and that I was investigating the allegations. This interview took place at the Belle City Hall main building located next to the Belle City police station.

Mrs. Burkholder had know knowledge of any stealing .

Dale Harp, 917
Detective, MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 02/26/24 15:40
follow up interview of Belle report 24-000022

INTERVIEW PERSONS DOCUMENTED IN THE BELLE STATEMENT

CHARRO REASOR
02/26/24@1540 HOURS
BELLE REPORT NUMBER 24-000022

I explained to Reasor that I was reaching out to her because Sgt Morgan of the Belle Police Department had posted her name in his informational report. With that said I asked Reasor if she was present during the building of the Belle city parade floats.

Reasor told me she was present for building and decoration of the floats.

I asked Reasor who painted the floats? Reasor stated to me that Mayor White had painted the actual float (trailer) and her husband (Paul Reasor) and Emily Williams painted parts of the floats. Reasor went in to tell me that Williams and her husband told her she could not paint because she would get more on her then what she was painting.

Reasor stated the chimney and the stand the deer was up on was spray painted, by Paul Reasor and Emily Williams. Reasor stated the chimney was painted once it was up on the roof.

I asked Reasor who was all present during the painting?

Reasor informed me that possibly Mark Morgan (it shall be noted that Mark Morgan documented in his report that he did not observe anyone using spray paint however he did observe numerous indications of fresh black spray paint use in various locations on the two city floats); Mayors Wife, Paul Reasor, Emily Williams and perhaps her daughter came in at one point.

I asked Reasor who bought the supplies for decorating the floats?

Reasor stated the city float the city bought the supplies for that. The other trailer donations bought supplies for. (It shall be noted that Reasor never mentioned Mayor White purchasing supplies for floats as was documented in Belle report).

I asked Reasor for Paul Reasor's number, and she stated that he would be willing to talk with me, Reasor gave the number of for her husband 5732636109.

~~Again, Reasor stated she did not do any of the painting, and she did not know how many cans were used.~~

Dale Harp, 917
Detective , MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 02/26/24 15:50

Interview with Paul Reasor Belle statement

INTERVIEW OF PAUL REASOR IN REF:WILLIAMS STATEMENT AND BELLE CITY REPORT

**PAUL REASOR
02/26/24@1550HOURS**

I spoke with Mr. REASOR via phone on 02/26/2024 at 1550 hours in reference to her statement that she delivered to the Maries County prosecutor's office AND BELLE POLICE REPORT.

I explained to REASOR that I was calling him to discuss the statement that was submitted by Belle police.

Reasor stated he was one of the individuals who helped paint the floats. I asked Reasor what part of the floats he painted. Mr. Reasor stated that he painted the chimney part of the ginger bread house float.

I asked Mr. Reasor what kind of paint was used. Mr. Reasor stated he used black spray paint on the city trailer.

Reasor stated that Mayor White, Charror Reasor, Emily Williams were all present when the painting was being done.

I asked Reasor if he remembered what type of spray paint and what the can looked like, Reasor could not recall the type or the brand. Reasor informed me that he told Daryle that he needed some paint and Daryle told him it was on his cart over there. Reasor stated they used the paint that was there, he wasn't sure what kind it was or where it came from.

I asked Reasor if spray paint out of the can was the only paint used? Reasor stated yes.

I asked Reasor who painted the city trailer and Reasor responded with "I think Daryle did".

Reasor informed me that the trailer was all rusty and had paint peeling off, so Daryle (Mayor White) took the time to buff it and paint it.

I asked Reasor what was painted on the city trailer itself? Reasor stated the rails itself and side rails. (in the photos the rails showed no paint and several spots of rust). Reasor stated that White and he were the ones who painted.

Reasor stated that Morgan came over and watched them a couple of times.

Detective Observation:

What was discovered in this interview leads me to believe there is inaccuracy in what Mr. Reasor is stating and Williams stated in her statement and during the interview.

Dale Harp, 917
Detective , MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 02/29/24 12:00

FOLLOW UP INTERVIEW WITH BARB HOWARTH

INTERVIEW OF THE BELLE POLICE STATEMENT

BARB HOWARTH
02/29/24@1200HOURS
BELLE REPORT NUMBER 24-000022

I met with Howarth at Belle city Hall, we talked in the Mayors office . I explained to Mrs. Howarth that I requested to talk with her due to the fact that her name was documented in a Belle City Information report. I explained to her this report was submitted by Mark Morgan (showing her a copy of the report). Mrs. Howarth asked me why, was her name in the report. (her reaction stated to me she did not know Morgan used her name)

Mrs. Howarth stated to me she was never present nor did she work on the parade floats. (her words were "I DID NOTHING"). Mrs. Howarth told me she only rode on the float, other than that she did not nor was she present when the float was being worked on.

Detective Observation:

What was discovered in this interview leads me to believe that Mark Morgan was just putting names in a report to muddy the waters of this investigation.

Dale Harp, 917
Detective MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 02/29/24 12:30
FOLLOW-UP IN REGARDS TO STAEMENT JAMES MITCHELL

INTERVIEW OF THE BELLE POLICE STATEMENT

JAMES MITCHELL
02/29/24@1230HOURS
BELLE REPORT NUMBER 24-000022

I met with Mr. Mitchell at Belle city Hall, we talked in the Mayors office . I explained to Mr. Mitchell that I requested to talk with him due to the fact that he wrote a statement dated February 16 ; 2024 to Prosecutor Skouby in reference the Belle parade providing in sight to what he called, missing items used for the Belle Christmas Festival.

Mr Mitchell wrote in statement the following: at the October 2024 council meeting the board of alderman voted to organize a Christmas festival in conjunction with the BCBA Christmas parade . Mr. Mitchell stated that he knows that items used for the preparation of the parade floats and city decorations included black spray paint and zip ties. In the statement he also wrote , Further , black spray paint was used to refresh the city owned trailer needed for pulling a float was painted with black spray paint; Additionally other items were used on a separate city float painted.

Mr. Mitchell also stated he could verify that he used zip ties on numerous projects around the city. Stating that he used a large quantity of the zip ties.

I asked Mr. Mitchell if had witness anything that was going on ?

During the interview Mr. Mitchell stated to me that he did not have anything to do with putting the float together. He did see that the boards were painted black, and euh, seen that the trailers had been touched up and thats it.

I asked Mr. Mitchell what he meant by touched up?, He stated scratches painted, some of the scratches painted over with black paint. The paint that they are referring too is very good paint, its heavy, and it lays , its not like you go over here to Walmart and buy. Its high dollar paint.

Mr. Mitchell also stated that zip ties were used on decorations and used them on poles on main street.

Mr. Mitchell also stated to me that he did witness seeing the city trailer before it was painted and that he witnessed the trailer after, stating it was in good shape and looks good.

Mr. Mitchell stated he didn't help with the float, but he did see the stand the deer was on, it was all painted and everything. The chimney on the building was painted up and everything. He stated they used that paint but he did not witness any of the painting.

Mr. Mitchell's statement also discusses the Firearm that was missing for almost a year. That was reported by Marshall Jerry Coborn, Senior Law Enforcement official of the City of Belle.

Detective Observation:

What was discovered in this interview leads me to believe that Mr. Mitchell did not witness any of the painting and was taking the word of mouth of (Daryle White Jr, Emily Williams, Charro Reasor).

Dale Harp, 917
Detective MCSO

Supplemental Narrative By Timothy Edwards, 03/07/24 12:56
supplemental, photos for city trailer

Sir/Ma'am

On February 5, 2024, at approximately 1330 hours, I met with Belle City Marshall, Jerry Coburn at the Belle City Shop to locate a trailer owned by the city, which was used during the 2023 Christmas parade. The trailer was supposed to have had the rusty spots touched up with the allegedly stolen paint. After looking the trailer over and photo's taken, I could not find where the trailer had any paint added. The trailer has numerous rusty spots and there is a white cotton ball fabric in the floor of the trailer where the fake snow had been laid and stapled to the floor. Nothing further.

Tim Edwards, Corporal

Supplemental Narrative By Dale Harp, 03/07/24 16:26
INTERVIEW WITH EMILY WILLIAMS / STATEMENT

INTERVIEW OF WILLIAMS IN REF: STATEMENT

EMILY WILLIAMS
02/26/24@1611HOURS
Statement undated

I spoke with Mrs. Williams via phone on 02/26/2024 at 1611 hours in reference her statement that she delivered to the Maries County prosecutor's office.

I explained to Williams that I was calling her to discuss the statement she had sent to the Prosecutor. Explaining that I needed to be correct on the facts.

Williams stated to me that some of the other guys at the shop told her that I was asking about the Christmas floats/paint during my interview and that statement was inaccurate because I never questioned the employees at the shop about the Christmas floats. So, Mrs. Williams, telling me that during the conversation, raised a red flag about her accuracy in the statement.

I asked Mrs. Williams who was involved in building the floats?

Mrs. Williams stated if I would look on the city of Belle Facebook, they made videos every week of the building of the floats.

(I searched the city of Belle Facebook page as requested by Mrs. Williams, The only video I could find was a video of Mayor White, Mrs. Williams, And Mrs., Reasor talking about the upcoming parade Christmas festival. The Three mentioned were standing inside a makeshift building which was placed on Mayor Whites Trailer. No videos or photographs of the Belle city trailer or float that was placed on the back)(also a video of city of Belle Facebook page

was recorded from September 24, 2023 to December 14, 2023; at no time was there any videos or photos of the floats being constructed).

I asked Mrs. Williams who did the painting ?

Mrs. Williams replied with, I did some painting because I have it on my sweat shirt. Williams stated that most of the painting was done by Paul Reasor and Mayor White. Williams stated that Mayor White and Paul Reasor repainted the whole city trailer Black. (It shall be noted that photos of the city trailer were taken and there was no indication the trailer had been painted at all) The city trailer had areas of rust on the fenders, rails, gate, wheel rims, A frame, tung jack, The trailer still had residue from the float frame that was on the trailer during the parade, but no visual evidence of being painted as Williams stated.

I even repeated what Williams had told stating "The whole city trailer was painted" and Mrs. Williams stated "yes". Then went on to explain there was a bracket of a reindeer with a metal bracket holding the reindeer was also painted.

Mrs. Williams stated she did not witness the trailer being painted, but she stated she received pictures of it after it was painted. She stated she went and looked at it. Stated they had to let it dry before hanging and building the float on it.

I asked Williams what kind of paint was used for the chimney? She stated that it was black spray paint, she used one can. Stated that Mayor White painted the Bracket black. I asked Williams again how much paint was used on the chimney, she again stated one full can.

Mrs. Williams stated that Charro, Daryle, Paul, Daryl's wife, were all present during the painting.

I asked, who bought the supplies used for decorating? Mrs. Williams stated that the supplies were bought with the Christmas fund. (Williams never mentioned that Mayor White purchased any supplies with his own money).

Detective Observation:

What was discovered in this interview leads me to believe there is inaccuracy in what Mrs. Williams stated in her statement and during the interview.

Dale Harp, 917
Detective MCSO

ACO Primary Narrative Narrative By Dale Harp, 12/20/23 13:30
SEARCH WARRANT SERVED ON THE CITY OF BELLE PROPERTY

On December 20, 2023, I along with Maries County Sheriff, Harold "Chris" Heitman, Maries County Sheriff deputys Cpl. Tim Edwards, Deputy Clayton Wolf, Deputy Dustin Roberts and members of the Missouri State DDCC division, executed a Search warrant signed by the Maries County Courts. This SW was executed on Belle City Hall located at 200 East Third Street in Belle Missouri, located in Maries County.

During the execution of search warrant Cpl. Edwards along with Roberts, Wolfe and one DDCC member secured the Belle City Hall building; while I secured the Belle city Maintenance building with Sheriff Heitman and one DDCC member.

When I arrived at the Maintenance building there were three city employees sitting inside the bay. I explained to the employees the reason why I was there and informed them that I would need to talk with each of them separately. The employees stated they understood and agreed to cooperate with us.

Interviews were conducted in the following order:

Clay Ridenhour
Darin Guinn
James Gobin

After the interviews, James Gobin escorted me to the maintenance tool locker. Gobin informed me, he thought the

spray paint that was in question was still in the tool locker. When Goblen opened the door, there was a case of spray paint on the shelf; but it was not black spray paint, it was a case of green spray paint ordered from the same company as the missing black spray paint. Goblen also showed me an opened packet of zip ties (still had about 25 ties inside) that were located on the shelf in the same area as paint and one can of Torq CB lubricant spray. Goblen stated there was a can out on the front loader. Also there was a case of blue spray paint located in the paint locker which also had been ordered through Kimball Midwest. The only item that was unaccounted for was one case 12 each black spray paint (80881CN ULTRA PROMAX GLOSS BLACK).

All interviews were recorded with a digital recorder and supplementals have been added to report. Present during the interviews was Missouri State Trooper Farolle who is a member of the DDCC.

After interviews were completed at the Maintenance building, I went to the City Hall building. Where I interviewed the following:

Charro Reasor
Frankie Hortsman
Sherree Burkholder

Again all interviews were recorded with a digital recorder and supplementals have been added to report. Present during the interviews was Missouri State Trooper Farolle who is a member of the DDCC.

I made several attempts to interview Mayor White, even going as far as driving to his business at Whites Auto and Glass shop. First attempt no one was at the shop and the business front door was locked. While I was at City Hall, second attempt to call Mayor White, his phone went to a voice mail; I left a message requesting to talk with him. No return call. Third attempt, I went back to his business, Whites Auto and Glass shop. Where I talked with his father Daryle White Sr, who informed me that he would have his son (Daryle White Jr.) come to City Hall. Mayor White never showed while I was there. (we left City Hall around 1530 hours). The last attempt I made to contact Mayor White was at his residence of 1000 South Alvarado Ave., Belle, MO.

Items were removed from City Hall per authority of search warrant and documented on the copy, left on City Hall table. Search warrant was returned to Maries County courts on December 20, 2023 with a list of items removed from Belle City Hall Property.

All BWC and recording devices were present during the encounter and have been added to this report.

Dale Harp, 917
Detective, MCSO

Case Forms

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Supplemental Narrative (supplemental, photos for city trailer) 3/7/24 by Timothy Edwards
Supplemental Narrative (INTERVIEW WITH EMILY WILLIAMS / STATEMENT) 3/7/24 by Dale Harp

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Property / Evidence

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Arrest Form - WHITE, DARYL W, JR

Printed on March 8, 2024

WHITE, DARYL W, JR

Arrest Information

Case #	MCS23-0737
Time	02/05/24 14:00
Location	
Arresting Officer	Harp, Dale
Assisting Officer	
Booked At Agency	
Arrest Transaction #	240025440501
Summons Number	
Disposition	Booked and/or Released - Multiple Clearances
Residence Status	Resident
Juv. Disposition	
Court Date	2/6/24

Arrestee

Name	WHITE, DARYL W, JR
Sex	Male
Race/Ethnicity	White Unknown
Build	Large 68inches 190lbs

Offenses

576.040	576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT
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Armed With

Unarmed

Comments:

Arrest Type Activity

Arrest Type Drug

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Victim Form - STATE, OF MISSOURI

Printed on March 8, 2024

STATE, OF MISSOURI

Case Information

Case #	MCS23-0737
Primary Officer	Harp, Dale
Time	12/19/23 00:07

Victim of Offenses

570.030	570.030 - STEALING - LESS THAN \$150 AND NO PRIOR STEALING (All Other)
576.040	576.040 - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

Relationships to Offenders

Injuries Sustained

Victim Referred To

Additional Details

Residence Status	Resident
Domestic Violence	
Assault Assault / Homicide Circumstances 1	
Assault Assault / Homicide Circumstances 2	
Justifiable Homicide Circumstances	

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ACO Primary Narrative Narrative

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ACO Primary Narrative Report By Dale Harp, 12/20/23 13:30

SEARCH WARRANT SERVED ON THE CITY OF BELLE PROPERTY

Case #MCS23-0737

Typed By Dale Harp

On December 20, 2023, I along with Maries County Sheriff, Harold "Chris" Heitman, Maries County Sheriff deputies Cpl. Tim Edwards, Deputy Clayton Wolf, Deputy Dustin Roberts and members of the Missouri State DDCC division, executed a Search warrant signed by the Maries County Courts. This SW was executed on Belle City Hall located at 200 East Third Street in Belle Missouri, located in Maries County.

During the execution of search warrant Cpl. Edwards along with Roberts, Wolfe and one DDCC member secured the Belle City Hall building; while I secured the Belle city Maintenance building with Sheriff Heitman and one DDCC member.

When I arrived at the Maintenance building there were three city employees sitting inside the bay. I explained to the employees the reason why I was there and informed them that I would need to talk with each of them separately. The employees stated they understood and agreed to cooperate with us.

Interviews were conducted in the following order:

Clay Ridenhour
Darin Guinn
James Goben

After the interviews, James Goben escorted me to the maintenance tool locker. Goben informed me, he thought the spray paint that was in question was still in the tool locker. When Goben opened the door, there was a case of spray paint on the shelf; but it was not black spray paint, it was a case of green spray paint ordered from the same company as the missing black spray paint. Goben also showed me an opened packet of zip ties (still had about 25 ties inside) that were located on the shelf in the same area as paint and one can of Torq CB lubricant spray. Goben stated there was a can out on the front loader. Also there was a case of blue spray paint located in the paint locker which also had been ordered through Kimball Midwest. The only item that was unaccounted for was one case 12 each black spray paint (80881CN ULTRA PROMAX GLOSS BLACK).

All interviews were recorded with a digital recorder and supplementals have been added to report. Present during the interviews was Missouri State Trooper Farolle who is a member of the DDCC.

After interviews were completed at the Maintenance building, I went to the City Hall building. Where I interviewed the following:

Charro Reasor
Frankie Hortsman
Sherree Burkholder

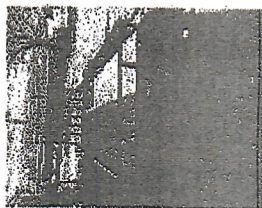
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I made several attempts to interview Mayor White, even going as far as to driving to his business at Whites Auto and Glass shop. First attempt no one was at the shop and the business front door was locked. While I was at City Hall, second attempt to call Mayor White, his phone went to a voice mail; I left a message requesting to talk with him. No return call. Third attempt, I went back to his business, Whites Auto and Glass shop. Where I talked with his father Daryle White Sr, who informed me that he would have his son (Daryle White Jr.) come to City Hall. Mayor White never showed while I was there. (we left City Hall around 1530 hours). The last attempt I made to contact Mayor White was at his residence of 1000 South Alvarado Ave., Belle, MO.

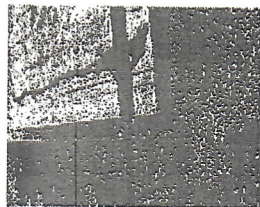
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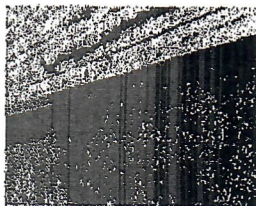
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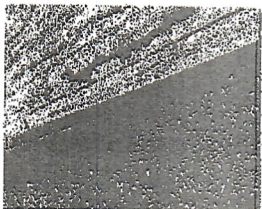
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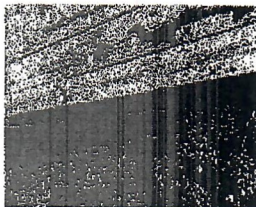
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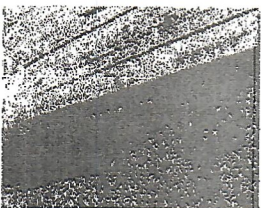
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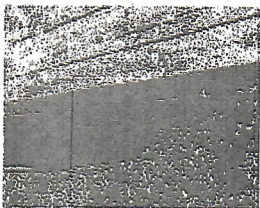
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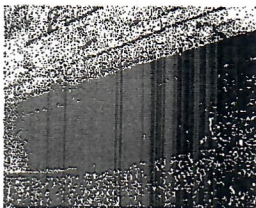
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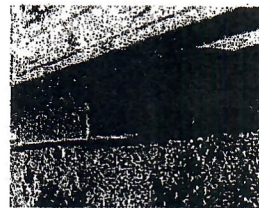
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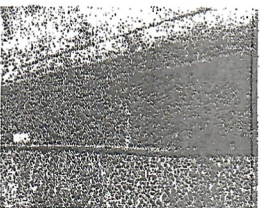
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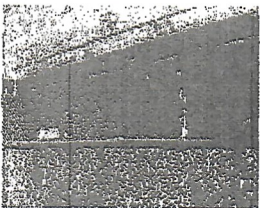
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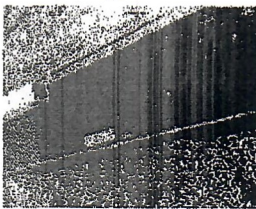
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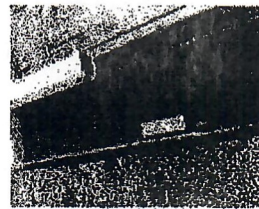
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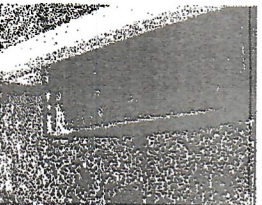
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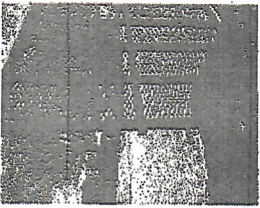
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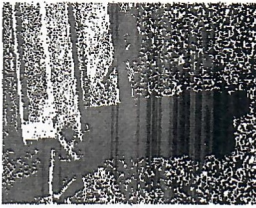
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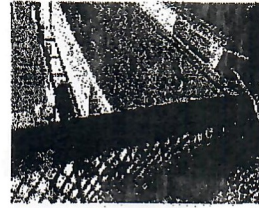
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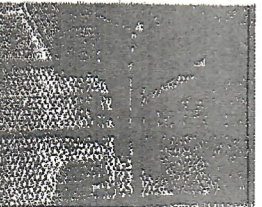
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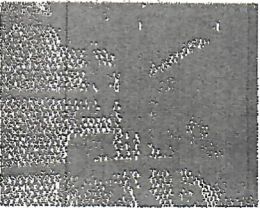
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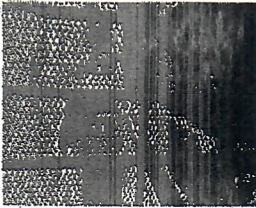
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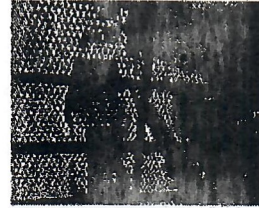
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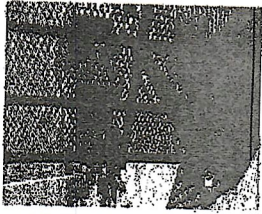


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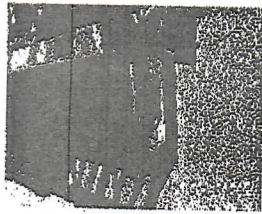
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All BWC and recording devices were present during the encounter and have been added to this report.

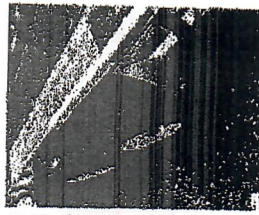
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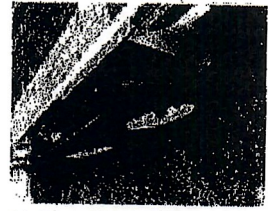
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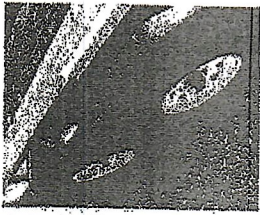
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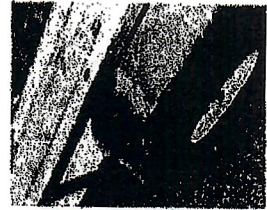
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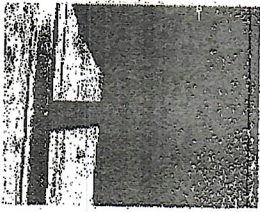
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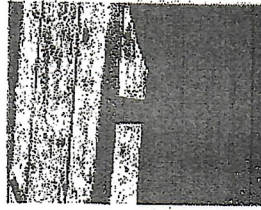
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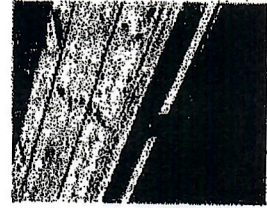
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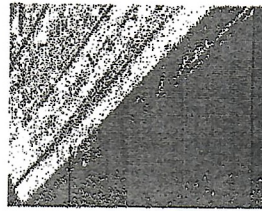
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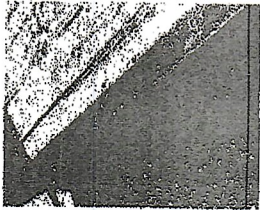
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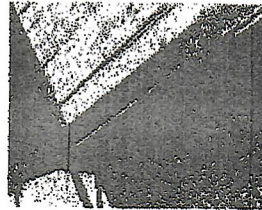
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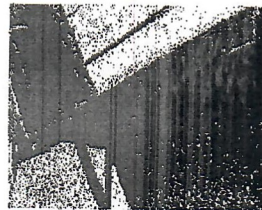
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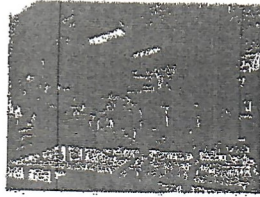
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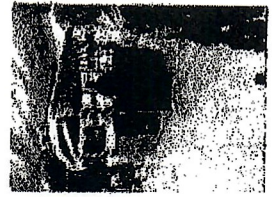
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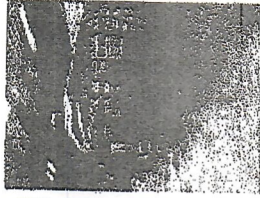
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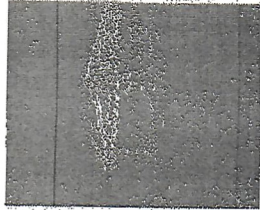
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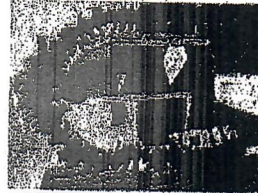
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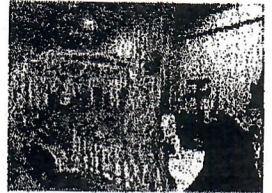
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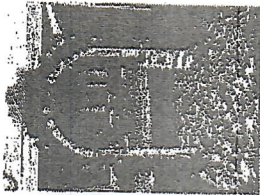
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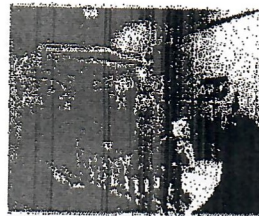
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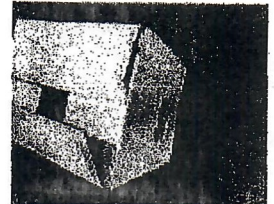
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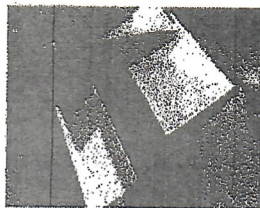
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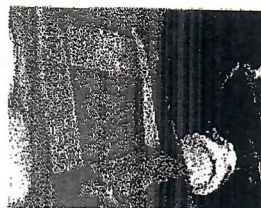
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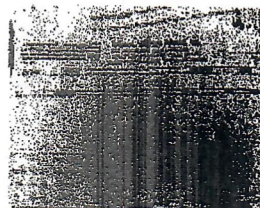
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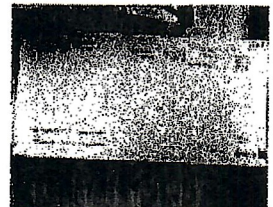
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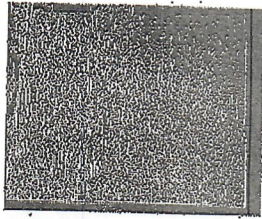
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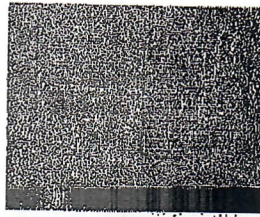
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Maries County Sheriffs Department

MCS23-0737-001 - PAPER WORK SIEZED DURING SEARCH WARRANT

Item # MCS23-0737-001
Category Stolen
Description PAPER WORK SIEZED DURING SEARCH WARRANT
Owner
Article Type Negotiable Instruments
Article Subtype Paper, Plastic, ETC
Article Make
Article Model NA
Article Color
Quantity 18 ITEMS
Serial # NA
Value \$1.00
Collected By Harp, Dale
Access Tag
Date Collected 12/20/23 00:00
Collected Location BELLE CITY HALL
Target Disp. Date
Subjects WHITE, DARYL W, JR
Comments

Chain of Custody

Date	User	Action	Category	Status
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Maries County Sheriffs Department

MCS23-0737-002 - DVD CCTV COBRA

Item # MCS23-0737-002
Category Stolen
Description DVD CCTV COBRA
Owner CITY OF BELLE
 200 E 3RD ST, BELLE, MO 65013
Article Type Computer Hardware / Software
Article Subtype CCTV HARD DRIVE
Article Make
Article Model
Article Color
Quantity 1
Serial #
Value \$1.00
Collected By Harp, Dale
Access Tag
Date Collected 12/20/23 00:00
Collected Location BELLE CITY HALL
Target Disp. Date
Subjects WHITE, DARYL W, JR
Comments

Chain of Custody

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARIES COUNTY, MISSOURI
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COUNTY OF MARIES

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Circuit Clerk & Recorder
Marion County, MO

AFFIDAVIT
APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT:

I, the undersigned, Chris Heitman, the duly elected Sheriff for the Maries County Sheriff's Office, being sworn and upon my oath, pursuant to the provisions of 542.261 RSMo make application for issuance of a search warrant, and based upon the facts stated herein and any supporting affidavits, which may be attached hereto; do hereby state the following:

- 1. I have probable cause to believe that evidence of a crime, including Stealing, is currently located at the residence and property of:

Belle City Hall located at 200 East Third Street in Belle, Maries County, Missouri. The government building is described as a single story dark, brick building labeled as City Hall.

I have served as the elected Sheriff since 2009 and I have worked in law enforcement since 1998. I have served as an investigator, conducted thousands of investigations, and have been trained in criminal investigations. Knowing that people who possess in stolen property often try to conceal such items, I am asking that search warrant include: all offices, drawers, cabinets, safes, and any other storage locations, and any area where items to be searched for can be hidden, concealed or secreted. The above described evidence may be found in "hard copy" form or stored in the form of magnetic or electronic coding on computer media or on media capable of being read by a computer or with the aid of computer equipment. The locations in which the above-listed items may be found include but are not limited to: Computer hardware, including peripherals; Computer software; Devices capable of creating, transmitting or storing electronic data Computer hardware, peripherals, software and other devices capable of creating, transmitting or storing electronic data typically have associated documentation, operating manuals, passwords, and data security devices.

- 2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On December 18, 2023, I was contacted by a source who informed me the City of Belle Mayor Darryl White Jr., was stealing from the city again. They informed me witnesses identified as [redacted] and [redacted] had observed White stealing several cans of spray paint from the City Road Department garage. The source also stated [redacted] was in charge of the public works department and he would know more about these items. This source also stated that they believed White was also misusing the city's credit card again and suggested I check financial records.

I contacted [redacted] and asked him about the spray paint purchased by the city. [redacted] stated he did not authorize the purchase, and White had [redacted], an employee of his, order it from a buddy of White's. [redacted] further stated that the city did not need those items, nor were they used by the city while he was employed there. Additionally, [redacted] stated Kimball Midwest, the company those items were purchased from, did not have an account with the city at the time. He stated White made him set up an account because he was friends with the account rep and he used him at his private business.

I then spoke with [redacted], who is still a current employee for the city, about the incident. [redacted] stated that White had [redacted] order the items back in September. [redacted] stated that he

observed White take the box containing 12 cans of Kimball Midwest Black Spray Paint out of the City Road Department garage about a week after the shipment arrived at the city. [redacted] also stated he hasn't seen the items since and that none of the stolen items were at the city or used by city employees that he has seen. When I asked [redacted] why he didn't report the incident, he stated he was in fear of losing his job.

I was able to obtain a packing slip of the items that were shipped to the city on September 26, 2023, which included 36 cans of paint, 3 cans of lubricant, and 100 cable ties; 12 of which were black spray paint. I also obtained the City of Belle Bills that need to be paid from the October 2023 city council meeting, which included a \$477.97 purchase to Kimball Midwest. I obtained the minutes White signed where the purchase of those items were approved.

I contacted Belle City Marshal Jerry Coborn about the incident. While speaking to Marshal Coborn, he told me White also took one of the police department firearms. Marshal Coborn explained that this occurred while he was appointed by Mayor White as the Chief of Police, and he had not been elected yet. Marshal Coborn said White and him were looking at the firearms in the locker on or about November 20, 2022; when White saw a Glock that had a masonic emblem on it. White stated "I like this one, I am taking it home." Then Chief Coborn stated he knew it was wrong but didn't say anything to White because he was afraid. Marshal Coborn stated he had not seen the pistol since. Marshal Coborn stated that he did not report the incident at the time because White was his boss, and he was in fear of losing his job and pay, and he needs the job to support his family. Marshal Coborn stated he is obligated to tell me now because White continues to do things wrong. During the evening hours of December 19, 2023 I contacted Marshal Coborn to get the serial number of the stolen firearm and Marshal Coborn informed me it had been placed back in the locker.


It should be noted that White has a history of this type of behavior. Back in February of 2007 White was found to be stealing from the city while he was Mayor and I was the elected Marshal. At that time the city council decided not to file criminal charges because all of the money was paid back and he agreed to resign.

I contacted Belle City Clerk and confirmed that all records, invoices, receipts, and orders are often placed using the city computers at the City Hall located at 200 East Third Street in Belle.

Additionally, I want to confirm that none of the items stolen are not located in City Hall or the Mayors office, and through my training and experience people who commit crimes of stealing often conceal items related to their crimes in private places.

Therefore, we are requesting a search warrant to recover the above listed items, related receipts, documentation, and the credit card utilized, as well as to seize and safeguard any other items suspected of being stolen or evidence of any additional criminal activity.

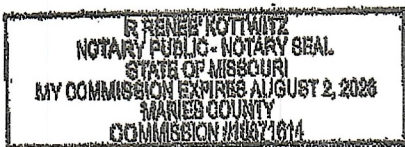
Signed,


Chris Heitman, Sheriff

12/20/23
Date

Subscribed and sworn to me on this 20th day of December, 2023 at 9:22 am/pm.

SEAL



By 
Clerk

COMPLAINT FOR SEARCH WARRANT TO AUTHORIZE THE SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE
PERTAINING TO STEALING

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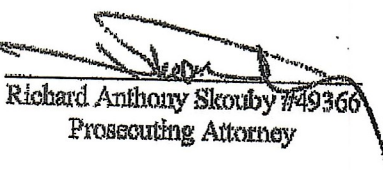
Richard Anthony Skouby, being duly sworn deposes and states upon information and belief that evidence pertaining to stealing defined by Chapter 570, RSMo, Chapter 576 RSMo to-wit:

Any evidence related to the crime of including stealing, is currently being held and kept in the following described place, in the County aforesaid, to-wit:

Belle City Hall located at 200 East Third Street in Belle, Maries County, Missouri. The government building is described as a single story dark, brick building labeled as City Hall. The search warrant should include, outbuildings, sheds and any areas within city property and where items can be hidden, concealed or secreted.

That the basis affiant's information and belief is contained in the attached affidavit of witness to facts concerning the said matter, which affidavit is made a part hereof and are submitted herewith as basis upon which this Court may find the existence of a probable cause for the issuance of said warrant.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a Search Warrant be issued as provided by law in this Complaint and Application is made with this Court on Wednesday, 20 December 2023 at


Richard Anthony Skouby #49366
Prosecuting Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of December, 2023.

My commission expires:


Clerk

SEARCH WARRANT TO AUTHORIZE THE SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 570 and CHAPTER 576 et. seq., RSMo

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STATE OF MISSOURI

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COUNTY OF MARIES

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MARK DUSCHMANN
Circuit Clerk & Recorder
Marion County, MO

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN AND FOR SAID COUNTY

THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO ANY PEACE OFFICER IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI:

WHEREAS, a Complaint in writing, duly verified by oath, has been filed with the undersigned Judge of this Court, pertaining to stealing defined by Chapter 570, RSMo, Chapter 576 RSMo to-wit:

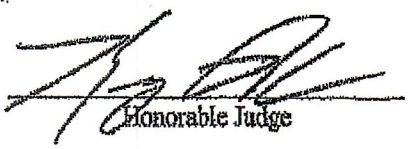
Any evidence related to the crime of stealing, is currently being held and kept in the following described place, in the County aforesaid, to-wit:

Belle City Hall located at 200 East Third Street in Belle, Marion County, Missouri. The government building is described as a single story dark, brick building labeled as City Hall. The search warrant should include, outbuildings, sheds and any areas within city property and where items can be hidden, concealed or secreted.

WHEREAS, the Judge of this Court, from the sworn allegations, of said Complaint and from the supporting written affidavits filed herewith, has found that there is probable cause to believe the allegations of the Complaint to be true and probable cause for the issuance of a Search Warrant herein.

NOW THEREFORE, these are to command you that you search the said premises above described within ten days after the issuance of this warrant by day or night, and take with you, if need be, the power of your county, and if said above described articles or any part thereof be found on said premises by you, that you seize the same and take same into your possession, making a complete and accurate inventory of the articles so taken by you in the presence of the person from whose possession the same is taken, if that be possible, and giving to such person a receipt for such property, together with a copy of this warrant, or, if no person be found in possession of said articles, leaving said receipt and said copy upon the premises searched, and that you thereafter return the property so taken and seized by you, together with a duly verified copy of the inventory thereof and with your return to this warrant to this court to be herein dealt with in accordance with the law.

Witness by hand and seal of this Court on this 20th day of December 2023, at 11:15 AM


Honorable Judge

RETURN AND INVENTORY

I, Det. Hesp, being a peace officer within and for the aforesaid county, to-wit: Maricopa, do hereby make return to the above and within warrant as follows: that on the 20 day of December, 2023, and within ten (10) days issuance of said warrant, I went to the location and premises described therein and searched the same for the articles described therein, and that upon said premises I discovered the following articles described in the warrant which I then and there took into my possession:

See Attachment

that I made this inventory in the presence of the person from whose possession I took said property (that there was no person present from whose possession said property was taken); that I delivered to such person a receipt for the property taken, together with a copy of this warrant (that, there being no person in possession of said property present on said premises, I left a copy of this warrant with a receipt for the property taken, in a conspicuous place on said premises); that I have now placed said property so taken in the possession of the court.

[Signature] 917
Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of December, 2023.

[Signature]
Clerk

* Items Taken during Search Warrant *

12/20/2023

@ 1500

RETURN INVENTORY

- ① Legends Book Packet New General Fund - 2 - Copies 5/18/2023 - Stapled Packet
 - ② Legends Book Packet New General Fund - 2 - Copies 7/20/2023 - Stapled Packet
 - ③ City of Belle Transaction Journal Dated 1334 pm 12/20/23 - 38102 Willard Asphalt Paving Invoice # 19411
 - ④ City of Belle Transaction Journal Dated 1335 12/20/23 - 38614 Kimball Midwest Invoice # 1....
 - ⑤ Invoice Copy JPEG of Cold Mix Dated 7/05/23 - \$1827.20
 - ⑥ Invoice Copy JPEG Payment Record 21911 Willard Paving
 - ⑦ Invoice Copy JPEG Willard Asphalt 122961
 - ⑧ City of Belle Bills that need Approval Oct 2023 Copy JPEG
 - ⑨ City of Belle Copy Payment Record Kimball MIDWEST JPEG
 - ⑩ Invoice Kimball MIDWEST Invoice # 101479763 JPEG
 - ⑪ Packet New General Fund - 2 - Copies 6/21/2023 - Stapled Packet
 - ⑫ Cobra 36941848 CCTV Hard Drive
 - ⑬ Packet New General Fund - 2 - Copies 8/17/2023 - Stapled Packet
 - ⑭ Packet New General Fund - 2 - Copies 10/4/2023 - Stapled Packet
 - ⑮ Packet New General Fund - 2 - Copies 11/3/2023 - Stapled Packet
 - ⑯ Christmas Festival Receipts - Copies
 - ⑰ Receipts of Christmas Items purchased
 - ⑱ Christmas Festival Booth Area Table # 902749
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARIES COUNTY, MISSOURI
ASSOCIATE DIVISION

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs

AGENCY CASE NO.: MCS23-0737

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Daryl W. White Jr.
1000 South Alvarado Avenue
Belle, MO 65013

DOB: [REDACTED]

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MARK BUSCHMANN
Circuit Clerk & Recorder
Marion County, MO

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

I, the undersigned, Chris Heitman, the duly elected Sheriff of Maries County, upon my oath and knowing the penalties for reporting falsely, do hereby state the following:

- 1) I have probable cause to believe that on or between September 26, 2023 - October 15, 2023 & on or about November 20, 2022, in Maries County, Missouri the defendant named herein has committed one or more criminal offenses, to wit:

RSMo:	570.030	Stealing
RSMo:	576.040	Official Misconduct

- 2) The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

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During an interview conducted by [redacted] and a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol with [redacted] he stated "I am pretty sure he got it; well fuck I know he's got it." [redacted] further stated, "he did ask if he could have some paint," adding "but I didn't know he was going to take the whole fucking case." [redacted] also stated "It wouldn't be for the city."

We attempted to locate White at his business, residence, and via phone to no avail. Daryl White Sr. told detectives that White would come to city hall in about 15-20 minutes, which he never showed.

It should be noted that White has a history of this type of behavior. Back in February of 2007 White was found to be stealing from the city while he was Mayor and I was the elected Marshal. At that time the city council decided not to file criminal charges because all of the money was paid back and he agreed to resign.


Chris Heitman, Sheriff

12/21/23
Date

Vienna Police Department

Police Chief
Shannon Thompson

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Police Officers
Tina Crawford
Larry Moore, Jr

Colonel Eric Olson
Missouri State Highway Patrol
General Headquarters
1510 E. Elm St.
Jefferson City, Mo. 65101

January 19, 2024

Colonel Olson,

On December 21, 2023, our department received a complaint of suspected perjury by Maries County Sheriff Harold "Chris" Heitman when he submitted an Affidavit Application for Search Warrant on 10-20-2023 for Belle City Hall and a Statement of Probable Cause submitted on 10-21-2023, seeking a criminal complaint alleging that Belle Mayor Daryl White Jr. committed Misdemeanor Stealing and Official Misconduct to Maries County Prosecuting Attorney R.A. Skouby.

Mr. Skouby directed the complainant to file a complaint with the Vienna Police Department as the documents had been presented to him by Sheriff Heitman at his office located inside the City of Vienna, Mo.

During the course of the investigation, it was learned that Sheriff Heitman was investigating the alleged theft of 12 cans of spray paint from the City Maintenance Garage and possible misuse of the City's Credit Card.

I learned that Sheriff Heitman executed the Search Warrant at Belle City Hall on 12-20-2023 with the assistance of officers from the Osage County Sheriff's Office and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I learned that Sheriff's investigators had interviewed the City's Public Works employees and office staff, which included an employee identified as Clay Ridenhour.

During the course of the investigation I learned that Clay Ridenhour disclosed to his supervisor that he "had to" make a statement to the investigators because "They had him pinched" and that he had to "squeal" or else he would be in trouble.

This information indicated that primary witness, Clay Ridenhour apparently had been coerced to provide false or fabricated information to Sheriff Heitman and his investigators to deceive the court to secure a Search Warrant and a criminal complaint against Belle Mayor Daryl White Jr.

Due to the unusual circumstances encountered during this investigation and possible jurisdictional constraints, I am respectfully requesting the assistance of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control to assist the Vienna Police Department with this investigation.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Shannon Thompson, Chief