



Woman charged with embezzlement

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Thursday, November 2, 2006— At least \$59,000 of an Albemarle company's money was allegedly being spent by an employee for personal gain since February.

A search warrant allowed authorities into the home of Shannon Lisbeth Blalock, 30, of 347 McCoy Creek Rd., Oakboro, who was arrested on scene.

With a total of 95 charges, including embezzlement by an employee, forgery and uttering of checks, and obstruction of justice, the former K&S Floor Covering employee may face additional charges.

K&S, which declined comment on the case, sits at 1717 East Main St.

They reported to the Albemarle Police Department (APD) what appeared to be the embezzlement of company funds.

"This type and size of embezzlement is a continuing crime done over an extended period of time on more than one occasion," Albemarle Police Chief Ronnie Michael said.

"It appears the the crimes were continuing up until the day she was no longer employed at the business."

APD notified a State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) agent to assist with the investigation.

Blalock's residence was searched for evidence connecting her to the case and several items, including a computer were confiscated.

The joint investigation is ongoing and further charges are likely to be filed, police said.

"Items, recent purchases in her possession and other expenditures are currently under investigation in possible connection with the charges," Michael said.

In addition to physical items purchased, travel expenses are also under scrutiny by law enforcement investigators.

Blalock is scheduled to appear in court Nov. 21.

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