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Incident Report**

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Incident #: 19SOH-315-OF

Date/Time Reported: 04/26/2019 0800
Report Date/Time: 04/26/2019 0856
Occurred On: 04/01/2019 1200
Status: Incident Open

Reporting Officer: Detective Keith Nichols

Signature: _____

#	SUSPECT(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	HOM, JENNIFER 32 DEACON ST NORTHBOROUGH MA 01532	F	A	55	[REDACTED]	5087869497

Military Active Duty: N
 BODY: NOT AVAIL. COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.
 DOB: [REDACTED]/1964 PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.
 LICENSE NUMBER: MA S36325756 ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC
 PCF #: N/A LOCAL ID: 18317

[CONTACT INFORMATION]

Home Phone (Primary) 5087869497

#	OFFENSE(S)	ATTEMPTED	TYPE
	LOCATION TYPE: Government/Public Building Zone: Geo Code 80 SOUTHBOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT 21 HIGHLAND ST SOUTHBOROUGH MA 01772		
1	LARCENY UNDER \$1200 c266 §30(1) 266/30/C 266 30 OCCURRED: 04/01/2019 1200	N	Misdemeanor

#	VICTIM(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH 17 COMMON ST SOUTHBOROUGH MA 01772					508-485-0710
	VICTIM CONNECTED TO OFFENSE NUMBER(S): 1					

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#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	FERGUSON, DOREEN A 20 E MAIN ST SOUTHBOROUGH MA 01772 DOB: ██████ 1963	WITNESS	F	W	55	NOT AVAIL	508-308-2616
	EMPLOYER: TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH	5082294452					
	CONTACT INFORMATION:						
	Home Phone	(Primary)	5083082616				
	Work Phone	(Primary)	5082294452				
	CallBack Number	(Primary)	508-308-2616				

#	OTHER PROPERTIES	PROPERTY #	STATUS
1	APPROXIMATELY \$1,000 SPENT ON TOWN CARD		Stolen
	QUANTITY: 1	VALUE: \$1,000.00	
	SERIAL #: NOT AVAIL		
	DATE: 04/26/2019		
	OWNER: TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH		

Attachments for 19SOH-315-OF	
Description	Type
FERGUSON STATEMENT	PDF
Attachment#: 725CC9FF349B4AE0BAC5F7D954EBAC8B	
UNAUTHORIZED TRANSACTION SPREADSHEET	XLS
Attachment#: 836952D2DF3D49D685186A4675308A2D	

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PERSONNEL NARRATIVE FOR DETECTIVE KEITH A NICHOLS

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On April 26, 2019 at approximately 0800 hours, I traveled to the Southborough Town Hall where I spoke to Town Accountant, Ms. Heidi Kriger regarding an employee that had been making unauthorized credit card purchases over a three (3) year span.

Ms. Kriger advised me that beginning approximately May 2016 through April 2019, Ms. Jennifer Hom (Southborough Recreation Department Planner) began utilizing the town Sam's Club Credit Card for her personal use which violates both Massachusetts General Law and Town Rules & Regulations. Ms. Kriger learned about this upon analyzing Southborough Recreation Department purchases.

Ms. Kriger was then able to provide me with a spreadsheet displaying approximately one hundred (100) unauthorized transactions made at Walmart locations in Northborough, Hudson, and Framingham. Some of the unauthorized purchases made included but are not limited to the following: green onions, dove soap, fried peppers, rahmen noodles, benadryl, tums, and stove top cleaner. According to Ms. Kriger's calculations, she estimates that Ms. Hom had spent approximately one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in unauthorized purchases between May 2016 and April 2019.

According to Ms. Kriger, Southborough Recreation Department Director Doreen Ferguson had spoken to Ms. Hom regarding the allegations. During this conversation, Ms. Hom had taken responsibility for the unauthorized transactions. Ms. Kriger also advised me that Ms. Hom has already paid eight hundred and forty five (845) USD in restitution by providing a check to the Town.

At approximately 1020 hours, I traveled to the Southborough Recreation Department where I was able to conduct an interview with Director Ms. Doreen Ferguson.

Ms. Ferguson stated that approximately three (3) weeks ago, she had received communication from Ms. Kriger regarding the aforementioned incident.

Upon being advised of the incident, Ms. Ferguson conducted an interview with Ms. Hom. According to Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Hom confirmed making the purchases but identified them all as made for the Southborough Recreation Department.

Ms. Ferguson stated that after speaking with Ms. Kriger regarding the allegations, she again reviewed the spreadsheets showing the unauthorized transactions. Upon doing so, she stated that she was able to confirm that the transactions were not authorized and were likely for personal use.

On April 15, 2019 Ms. Ferguson again conducted an interview with Ms. Hom regarding the allegations. Upon doing so, Ms. Hom confirmed that she was responsible for utilizing the Town of Southborough Sam's Club card for personal purchases at Walmart. According to Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Hom stated, "*I did use it for personal purchases*" and "*I just want to move on and pay what I have to pay.*"

On April 29, 2019 I received a voluntary written statement provided by Ms. Ferguson. The statement is a summary of the aforementioned facts. Ms. Ferguson's statement confirms Ms. Hom's admission to making personal purchases with the aforementioned Sam's Club town credit card.

On April 26, 2019 I was able to confer with Worcester County Assistant District Attorney Michael Luzzo regarding the matter. Due solely to the fact that the Town of Southborough has already accepted partial restitution from Ms. Hom, the case can not be tried criminally. ADA Luzzo confirmed that the case would have to be litigated civilly in order to recoup any further lost funds.

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On April 29, 2019 I spoke with Attorney Jack Merrill whom represents Ms. Hom. I requested Attorney Merrill's permission to conduct an interview with Ms. Hom. Attorney Merrill, however respectfully denied my requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

Detective Keith A. Nichols #84



**SOUTHBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT FORM**

CASE NUMBER: 19SOH-315-0F OFFICER: Nichols

DATE: 4/29/19 TIME: 0759 LOCATION WRITTEN: 21 Highland St.

STATEMENT OF: Doreen Ferguson ADDRESS: 21 Highland St

DOB: [REDACTED]-1963 SS#: [REDACTED] PHONE: 508-308-2616

During the week of April 8, 2019 I received a call from Town Accountant questioning some items purchased on the Sam's Club credit card. I spoke with Jennifer Horn and she told me what programs those items where for. I responded back to the accountant, who then asked I look into other items.

I sat with Jennifer on April 15, 2019 and went through more statements. I questioned a few more things at which time she said they where personal purchases. There approximately 5-10 she admitted to. During the following week I went through 2 and half years of statements and determined there where more purchases that didn't coincide with program dates. The total come to \$844.88. Jennifer submitted her resignation along with a check for \$844.88 on April 19, 2019.

SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE & TIME: 7:59am 4/29/19
 WITNESS: [Signature] DATE & TIME: 4/29/19 1212