

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

STATE OF MISSOURI }

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COUNTY OF TEXAS}

CASE # 120544474

DATE: 12/04/2012

OCN: N/A

I, Donald Jones, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that Jackie A. Cooper, _____, on or between 2010 and present, at or in Texas County Missouri, committed the offense(s) listed below:

Theft/Stealing - value of property or services is \$500 or more but less than \$25,000 - RsMo 570.030

2. State the facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe crime(s) was/were committed and that the accused committed the crime(s):

Jackie Cooper was a Piney Township board member until he resigned his office during a special township meeting held in July 2012. Jackie Cooper possessed Shell Fleet credit card _____, which was issued to the Piney Township in December of 2006. According to witnesses personally interviewed by me, who included township board members and employees, they were unaware of Cooper even having a Shell Fleet credit card. The witnesses believed there were only two Shell Fleet credit cards, which were the two issued to Steven Cantrell and Rodney Douglas who are the only two full time employees of the township. The Shell Fleet credit cards were only to be used for Piney Township fuel purchases. Diana Hill (township treasurer) and Pamela McKinney (township secretary) said there was never a board vote allowing Cooper to use the card for fuel purchases.

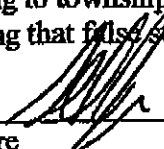
Cooper told Texas County Presiding Commissioner Fred Stenger, he used the gas as payment for extra hours he was working for the township. Cooper told Piney Township fulltime employee Steven Cantrell that they took the \$100.00 a month away from us we use to get for being board members, so we (Roger Martin and Cooper) decided together to get the cards to make up for the \$100.00 a month.

I obtained the Piney Townships Shell Fleet credit card statements from the Shell Fleet credit card company via fax for years 2007 to July 2012. The Shell Fleet credit card statements show that \$9,449.69 was charged to card _____, during the years 2010, 2011, and 2012 through the month of July. Cooper had this credit card in his possession and turned it into Pamela McKinney at a special meeting held at the township on July 26, 2012, when he resigned his office as a Piney Township board member.

According to interviews conducted, when a board member works for the township or conducts township business, they turn in mileage on their personally owned vehicle for reimbursement. There were also some rare occasions noted that Cooper worked for the township during natural disasters (ice storms, tornados, big snows, etc) and was reimbursed for his time by FEMA.

According to township records, Cooper has not reimbursed the township for any fuel pruchases.

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1. I have probable cause to believe that Roger L. Martin, _____, on or between 2010 and present, at or in Texas County Missouri, committed the offense(s) listed below:

Theft/Stealing - value of property or services is \$25,000 or more - RsMo 570.030

2. State the facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe crime(s) was/were committed and that the accused committed the crime(s):

Roger Martin was Piney Townships board president until he resigned his office during a special township meeting held in July 2012. Roger Martin possessed Shell Fleet credit card _____, which was issued to the Piney Township in December of 2006. According to witnesses personally interviewed by me, who included township board members and employees, they were unaware of Martin even having a Shell Fleet credit card. The witnesses believed there were only two Shell Fleet credit cards, which were the two issued to Steven Cantrell and Rodney Douglas who are the only two full time employees of the township. The Shell Fleet credit cards were only to be used for Piney Township fuel purchases. Diana Hill (township treasurer) and Pamela McKinney (township secretary) said there was never a board vote allowing Martin to use the card for fuel purchases.

Martin told Texas County Presiding Commisioner Fred Stenger, "I'm guilty of taking more than I should, last month my gas bill was \$984.00". Martin told Piney Township Treasurer Diana Hill, they were going away from the \$100.00 a month, back to the \$25.00 a month they got for being board members, and that they would make up the difference in fuel.

I obtained the Piney Townships Shell Fleet credit card statements from the Shell Fleet credit card company via fax for years 2007 to July 2012. The Shell Fleet credit card statements show that \$26,292.23 was charged to card _____, during the years 2010, 2011, and 2012 through the month of July. Martin had this credit card in his possession and turned it into Pamela McKinney at a special meeting held at the township on July 26, 2012, when he resigned his office as Piney Township board president.

According to interviews conducted, when a board member works for the township or conducts township business, they turn in mileage on their personally owned vehicle for reimbursement. There were also some rare occassions noted that Martin worked for the township during natural disasters (ice storms, tornados, big snows, etc) and was reimbursed for his time by FEMA.

According to township records, Martin has not reimbursed the township for any fuel pruchases.

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