



NEWS RELEASE

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Date: October 31, 2012
Case No. 12-15562

On July 12, 2012, the Portage Department of Public Safety took a report from the Portage Public Schools that an administrative assistant had been embezzling funds from the school by means of a school credit card. On October 31, 2012, the female suspect was arrested and arraigned on four felony counts, which included Embezzlement over \$1,000.00 and three counts of Illegal Use of a Financial Transaction Device. The defendant, Marcia Zahrt, was arraigned on those charges and released on a personal recognizance bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 8, 2012.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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