

**State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin**

**District Court  
Fourth Judicial District**

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if more than 6 counts (see attached)  if Domestic Assault as defined by MS 518B01, sub2a,b

**State of Minnesota,**

**PLAINTIFF,**

VS.

NAME: first, middle, last  
**LAURA LEE SCHOLZ**

**DEFENDANT,**

2612 WILLIAMS DRIVE  
BURNSVILLE, MN 55337

Amended  Tab Charge Previously Filed

SERIOUS FELONY  SUMMONS  
 FELONY  WARRANT  
 GROSS MISDM DWI  ORDER OF DETENTION  
 GROSS MISDM  EXTRADITION

Date of Birth: **8/8/67** MNCIS #: **27-CR-**  
 LE#: **13-27214**  
 SILS ID: **591457**  
 TRACK ID: **2695229**

**COMPLAINT**

*The Complainant, being duly sworn, makes complaint to the above-named Court and states that there is probable cause to believe that the Defendant committed the following offense(s). The complainant states that the following facts establish PROBABLE CAUSE:*

Complainant, Detective Cory Cardenas, of the Bloomington Police Department, has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

From approximately August 2011 through July 2013, **LAURA LEE SCHOLZ** stole approximately \$316,872.97 from her employer by writing and cashing unauthorized checks, or by making unauthorized cash withdrawals from her employer's accounts.

**Laura Lee Scholz** was born August 8, 1967. In 2007, **Laura Lee Scholz** became the assistant bookkeeper at Service Quality Institute, Inc. (hereinafter "SQI"). She worked as the assistant to head bookkeeper until he passed away in August of 2011. After the head bookkeeper passed away in August of 2011, **Laura Lee Scholz** took over as head bookkeeper for SQI. In December 2012, **Laura Lee Scholz** became a salaried employee earning \$1,600 every pay period. In February 2013, **Laura Lee Scholz** went back to an hourly paid employee earning \$25.00 per hour.

As bookkeeper, **Laura Lee Scholz** was in charge of SQI's finances, including payroll, creating financial statements, paying commissions, and paying vendors. **Laura Lee Scholz** and SQI's owner, J.T., were the only two signatories on the business accounts after the previous bookkeeper passed away in August of 2011.

SQI used several different business bank accounts during the time **Laura Lee Scholz** worked there. SQI had a checking account at TD Bank ending in x975. The TD Bank checking account was eventually replaced by a

checking account at Republic Bank where SQI had a checking account ending in x211. SQI also had two accounts with Star Choice Credit Union: a checking account ending in x095 and a savings account ending in x095.

On or about July 3, 2013, J.T. was aware of a large amount of funds that was to be coming into SQI's Republic Bank account through a wire transfer. There was a question about what was being done with these funds because the money was not being paid out for business expenses in a timely manner. On or about July 9, 2013, J.T. asked **Laura Lee Scholz** about the funds, but she did not give an adequate response to his concerns.

As a result, J.T. asked his accountant, D.S., to perform an internal audit of SQI's accounts. In order to perform this audit, D.S. required access to SQI's QuickBooks file. QuickBooks was the only software SQI used for its accounting. The SQI employee that used the QuickBooks software prior to D.S.'s audit was **Laura Lee Scholz**.

D.S.'s subsequent audit revealed that **Laura Lee Scholz** had stolen a large amount of money in her time with SQI. She had perpetrated her scheme in three different ways.

First, **Laura Lee Scholz** wrote numerous checks from the SQI business accounts payable to "SQI, Inc." or directly to "Laura Scholz." The checks were for varying amounts and **Laura Lee Scholz** would subsequently cash the checks out herself. Most of these checks were drawn from the Republic Bank account and later cashed at Star Choice Credit Union.

Second, **Laura Lee Scholz** cashed several checks that were written out to SQI, Inc. from their customers rather than depositing the amounts into the appropriate SQI account.

Third, **Laura Lee Scholz** also made straight cash withdrawals from the business accounts.

The following table summarizes the fraudulent transactions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of Transaction</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Count</u>
8/10/2011	Check from Customer	6076	n/a	\$250.00	1
8/17/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$5,000.00	1
8/20/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$500.00	1
8/25/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$600.00	1
8/26/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$700.00	1
8/29/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$700.00	1
8/31/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$1,000.00	1
9/6/2011	Check from Customer	9054	n/a	\$1,079.69	1
9/10/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$600.00	1
9/14/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$1,500.00	1
9/26/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$1,000.00	1
9/27/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$1,000.00	1
9/28/2011	Check from Customer	6849	n/a	\$374.00	1
9/28/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$1,000.00	1
9/29/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3211	Checking x095	\$1,500.00	1
9/29/2011	Check to Laura Scholz	3211	Checking x975	\$1,500.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3236	Checking x095	\$300.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3233	Checking x095	\$1,600.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to Laura Scholz	3233	Checking x975	\$1,600.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to Laura Scholz	3236	Checking x975	\$300.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3271	Checking x975	\$1,000.00	1

9/30/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3280	Checking x975	\$1,000.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3282	Checking x975	\$1,000.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3285	Checking x975	\$1,000.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3287	Checking x975	\$900.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3289	Checking x975	\$1,000.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3291	Checking x975	\$500.00	1
9/30/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3314	Checking x975	\$1,300.00	1
10/4/2011	Check from Customer	9065	n/a	\$2,625.07	1
10/10/2011	Check to Laura Scholz	3241	Checking x975	\$210.00	1
10/10/2011	Check from Customer	131112	n/a	\$1,000.00	1
10/13/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$1,000.00	1
10/14/2011	Check from Customer	64489	n/a	\$644.31	1
10/21/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$900.00	1
10/25/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$500.00	1
11/4/2011	Check from Customer	9071	n/a	\$1,208.25	1
11/7/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	50675	Checking x975	\$148.50	1
11/8/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3271	Checking x095	\$1,000.00	1
11/8/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$260.00	1
11/15/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$400.00	1
11/18/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	3285	Checking x095	\$1,000.00	1
12/5/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$3,000.00	1
12/7/2011	Check to SQI, Inc.	50688	Checking x975	\$148.50	1
12/7/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$2,000.00	1
12/12/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$3,000.00	1
12/21/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$1,300.00	1
12/22/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$1,000.00	1
12/27/2011	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$1,000.00	1
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3105	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3091	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3093	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3076	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3065	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3049	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3050	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3043	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3038	Checking x211	\$500.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3037	Checking x211	\$500.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3031	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3102	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	2
1/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	5323	Checking x095	\$500.00	2
1/4/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$2,000.00	2
1/6/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	50701	Checking x975	\$148.50	2
1/6/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Savings x095	\$2,000.00	2
1/9/2012	Check to Laura Scholz	3006	Checking x211	\$300.00	2
1/11/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3009	Checking x211	\$1,300.00	2
2/7/2012	Check from Customer	92396	n/a	\$900.00	2

2/7/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$500.00	2
2/24/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3094	Checking x095	\$1,502.10	2
2/29/2012	Check from Customer	73495792	n/a	\$22.85	2
3/2/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3111	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	2
3/5/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3116	Checking x211	\$500.00	2
3/5/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$500.00	2
3/5/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$200.00	2
3/7/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3119	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	2
3/10/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3123	Checking x211	\$1,550.00	2
3/13/2012	Check from Customer	535406	n/a	\$89.33	2
3/14/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3126	Checking x211	\$600.00	2
3/16/2012	Check from Customer	67019	n/a	\$700.00	2
3/19/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3133	Checking x211	\$900.00	2
3/23/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$700.00	2
3/23/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$500.00	2
3/26/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3140	Checking x211	\$1,100.00	2
3/28/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3144	Checking x211	\$800.00	2
4/2/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$1,100.00	2
4/6/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3149	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	2
4/9/2012	Check from Customer	9125	n/a	\$1,842.35	2
4/16/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3153	Checking x211	\$900.00	2
4/16/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$1,600.00	2
5/3/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3178	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	2
5/3/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$200.00	2
5/7/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3181	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	2
5/10/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3186	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	2
5/12/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3188	Checking x211	\$1,200.00	2
5/17/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3194	Checking x211	\$3,000.00	2
5/22/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3199	Checking x211	\$350.00	2
5/23/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3200	Checking x211	\$500.00	2
5/26/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3202	Checking x211	\$3,000.00	2
6/13/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3223	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	2
6/18/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3225	Checking x211	\$300.00	2
6/20/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3227	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	2
6/26/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3233	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	2
7/2/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$2,000.00	3
7/3/2012	Check from Customer	9156	n/a	\$1,937.00	3
7/9/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$250.68	3
7/9/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$1,042.00	3
7/13/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3255	Checking x211	\$200.00	3
7/13/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$200.00	3
7/16/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3258	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	3
7/18/2012	Check to Laura Scholz	5407	Checking x095	\$126.50	3
7/26/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3271	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	3
7/27/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3274	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	3
7/30/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3279	Checking x211	\$3,500.00	3

8/1/2012	Check to Laura Scholz	3286	Checking x211	\$100.00	3
8/3/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3299	Checking x211	\$2,500.00	3
8/13/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$3,400.00	3
8/20/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3312	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	3
8/24/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3323	Checking x211	\$600.00	3
8/27/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$1,600.00	3
9/4/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3329	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	3
9/7/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3337	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	3
9/8/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3339	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	3
9/10/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3340	Checking x211	\$450.00	3
9/12/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3343	Checking x211	\$3,000.00	3
9/17/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3352	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	3
9/20/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$1,500.00	3
9/24/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3372	Checking x211	\$1,100.00	3
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10/17/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3402	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	3
10/23/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3413	Checking x211	\$3,000.00	3
10/26/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3422	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	3
10/29/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$500.00	3
11/1/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3429	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	4
11/1/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$600.00	4
11/3/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3433	Checking x211	\$3,500.00	4
11/5/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$800.00	4
11/7/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3440	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	4
11/8/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3442	Checking x211	\$2,500.00	4
11/8/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	x095	\$260.00	4
11/9/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3451	Checking x211	\$700.00	4
11/9/2012	Check from Customer	62635	n/a	\$1,000.00	4
11/14/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$1,000.00	4
11/16/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3454	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	4
11/20/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3455	Checking x211	\$1,100.00	4
11/26/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3461	Checking x211	\$2,500.00	4
11/26/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$400.00	4
11/28/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3465	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	4
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12/2/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3314	Checking x095	\$1,300.00	4
12/4/2012	Check from Customer	9202	n/a	\$1,255.34	4
12/5/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3480	Checking x211	\$700.00	4
12/19/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$1,250.00	4
12/21/2012	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$1,200.00	4
12/26/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3520	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	4
12/26/2012	Check to SQI, Inc.	3521	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	4
1/7/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3528	Checking x211	\$500.00	4
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1/9/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3529	Checking x211	\$2,500.00	4
1/11/2013	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$400.00	4
1/17/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3537	Checking x211	\$2,500.00	4
1/22/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3540	Checking x211	\$2,500.00	4
1/23/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3542	Checking x211	\$500.00	4
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1/29/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3547	Checking x211	\$900.00	4
2/2/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3549	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	4
2/8/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3561	Checking x211	\$2,500.00	4
2/12/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3563	Checking x211	\$700.00	4
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2/15/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3568	Checking x211	\$3,000.00	4
2/15/2013	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$300.00	4
2/22/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3571	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	4
2/25/2013	Cash Withdrawal	n/a	Checking x095	\$900.00	4
2/26/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3573	Checking x211	\$500.00	4
2/27/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3099	Checking x211	\$1,300.00	4
2/28/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3575	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	4
3/1/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3578	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	5
3/2/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3579	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	5
3/4/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3587	Checking x211	\$150.00	5
3/5/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3588	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	5
3/6/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3589	Checking x211	\$600.00	5
3/13/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3599	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	5
3/14/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3600	Checking x211	\$400.00	5
3/14/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3602	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	5
3/16/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3609	Checking x211	\$2,500.00	5
3/18/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3610	Checking x211	\$2,500.00	5
3/18/2013	Check to Laura Scholz	3611	Checking x211	\$98.00	5
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5/1/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3689	Checking x211	\$2,500.00	5
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5/7/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3702	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	5
5/9/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3707	Checking x211	\$3,000.00	5
5/10/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3709	Checking x211	\$3,500.00	5
5/14/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3711	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	5
5/15/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3715	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	5
5/16/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3717	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	5
5/21/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3719	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	5
5/24/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3725	Checking x211	\$1,100.00	5
5/28/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3729	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	5
5/29/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3731	Checking x211	\$800.00	5
6/3/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3735	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	5
6/5/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3738	Checking x211	\$700.00	5
6/7/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3742	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	5
6/12/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3743	Checking x211	\$600.00	5
6/17/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3744	Checking x211	\$1,300.00	5
6/18/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3746	Checking x211	\$1,000.00	5
6/24/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3752	Checking x211	\$2,100.00	5
7/3/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3761	Checking x211	\$1,500.00	5
7/5/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3764	Checking x211	\$3,000.00	5
7/5/2013	Check to Laura Scholz	3763	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	5
7/8/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3771	Checking x211	\$2,800.00	5
7/9/2013	Check to SQI, Inc.	3772	Checking x211	\$2,000.00	5

**TOTAL: \$316,872.97**

\*\*\*The amounts listed in the table in *italics* were fraudulent cash withdrawals made against larger customer checks. The original amount of the check was larger than the amount indicated on the table. The remaining balance of the check was deposited into an SQI account. Hence, the table only provides that amount fraudulently taken from SQI.\*\*\*

Complainant reviewed these transactions with J.T. The transactions were not authorized by J.T. Furthermore, **Laura Lee Scholz** would have no legitimate purpose in withdrawing so much cash. SQI only uses cash when J.T. travels for business, which is a rare occurrence.

During his audit, D.S. also discovered that **Laura Lee Scholz** had fraudulently altered some of the QuickBooks entries for these fraudulent checks. **Laura Lee Scholz** attempted to cover her tracks by changing the payee reflected in QuickBooks. For example, **Laura Lee Scholz** altered the payee on a check from SQI, Inc. to a vendor's name. However, the corresponding check that QuickBooks indicated was to a vendor showed that it was in fact written out to SQI, Inc. D.S. was able to see the original payees for the checks in QuickBooks that indicated that the checks were written out to SQI, Inc. or Laura Scholz; however, D.S. found that many of these entries were changed. The QuickBooks entries show that these changes were all performed on or about July 10, 2013—the day after J.T. asked **Laura Lee Scholz** what was happening with the large wire transfer.

D.S. also discovered that **Laura Lee Scholz** had failed to pay approximately \$75,231.04 to various SQI vendors.

After discovering **Laura Lee Scholz's** actions, J.T. confronted **Laura Lee Scholz** in his office on or about July 15, 2013. J.T. confronted **Laura Lee Scholz** regarding the checks written out to SQI, Inc. that were subsequently cashed. **Laura Lee Scholz's** responded by saying she paid bills, but J.T. questioned what bills she was paying to which she had no response. **Laura Lee Scholz** remained silent for most of the interview.

Complainant spoke with the Branch Manager of Operations at Star Choice Credit Union. He is familiar with both J.T. and **Laura Lee Scholz** as the only two signatories on SQI's account. The Branch Manager indicated that he frequently saw **Laura Lee Scholz** in their bank. He personally dealt with **Laura Lee Scholz** on many occasions. The Branch Manager noted that whenever **Laura Lee Scholz** received cash, she would have to sign a receipt. He could not remember a time where **Laura Lee Scholz** took a copy of the receipt.

The Branch Manager was able to provide cash receipts for many of the fraudulent transactions. For these transactions, **Laura Lee Scholz** was required to sign a receipt for the case she received. The Branch Manager provided all the receipts he was able to locate. These receipts all bear **Laura Lee Scholz's** signature. The Branch Manager also provided Complainant with recent video from the Star Choice Credit Union location where **Laura Lee Scholz** was cashing checks. On the video, **Laura Lee Scholz** can be seen conducting several of the fraudulent transactions.

On or about August 9, 2013, Complainant arrested **Laura Lee Scholz** and attempted to interview her on or about August 12, 2013, to get her side of the story. **Laura Lee Scholz** declined to interview.

From approximately August 10, 2011, through July 9, 2013, **Laura Lee Scholz** fraudulently stole approximately \$316,872.97 from her employer. As bookkeeper of SQI, she had access to the business's accounts and used her access to conduct unauthorized transactions, taking funds belonging to SQI and keeping them for herself. **Laura Lee Scholz** wrote checks to SQI, Inc. or to herself and subsequently cashed these checks. **Laura Lee Scholz** cashed all or portions of checks from customers written out to SQI. **Laura Lee Scholz** also withdrew cash from the business accounts. She did not use these funds for business purposes.



**O F F E N S E**

COUNT 1: THEFT BY SWINDLE OVER \$35,000 (AGGREGATED) (FELONY)  
MINN. STAT. § 609.52, SUBD. 2(4), SUBD. 3(1)  
PENALTY: 0-20 YEARS AND/OR \$100,000

That from approximately August 10, 2011, through December 31, 2011, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, **LAURA LEE SCHOLZ** obtained property or services of a value in excess of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000), from victim, by swindling using artifice, trick, device or other means.

COUNT 2: THEFT BY SWINDLE OVER \$35,000 (AGGREGATED) (FELONY)  
MINN. STAT. § 609.52, SUBD. 2(4), SUBD. 3(1)  
PENALTY: 0-20 YEARS AND/OR \$100,000

That from approximately January 1, 2012, through June 30, 2012, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, **LAURA LEE SCHOLZ** obtained property or services of a value in excess of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000), from victim, by swindling using artifice, trick, device or other means.

COUNT 3: THEFT BY SWINDLE OVER \$35,000 (AGGREGATED) (FELONY)  
MINN. STAT. § 609.52, SUBD. 2(4), SUBD. 3(1)  
PENALTY: 0-20 YEARS AND/OR \$100,000

That from approximately July 1, 2012, through October 31, 2012, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, **LAURA LEE SCHOLZ** obtained property or services of a value in excess of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000), from victim, by swindling using artifice, trick, device or other means.

COUNT 4: THEFT BY SWINDLE OVER \$35,000 (AGGREGATED) (FELONY)  
MINN. STAT. § 609.52, SUBD. 2(a)(4), SUBD. 3(1)  
PENALTY: 0-20 YEARS AND/OR \$100,000

That from approximately November 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, **LAURA LEE SCHOLZ** obtained property or services of a value in excess of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000), from victim, by swindling using artifice, trick, device or other means.

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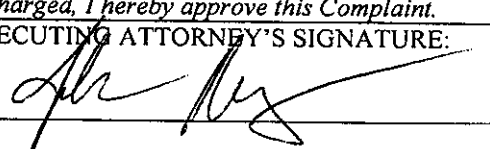
COMPLAINT SUPPLEMENT

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COUNT 5: THEFT BY SWINDLE OVER \$35,000 (AGGREGATED) (FELONY)  
 MINN. STAT. § 609.52, SUBD. 2(a)(4), SUBD. 3(1)  
 PENALTY: 0-20 YEARS AND/OR \$100,000

That from approximately March 1, 2013, through July 9, 2013, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, **LAURA LEE SCHOLZ** obtained property or services of a value in excess of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000), from victim, by swindling using artifice, trick, device or other means.

**NOTICE: You must appear for every court hearing on this charge. A failure to appear for court on this charge is a criminal offense and may be punished as provided in Minn. Stat. § 609.49.**

<p><i>THEREFORE, Complainant requests that said Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release be:</i></p> <p>1) <i>arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain defendant's appearance in court; or</i></p> <p>2) <i>detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings;</i></p> <p><i>and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.</i></p>	
<p>COMPLAINANT'S NAME: <b>Detective Cory Cardenas</b></p>	<p>COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE: Original Signed by Complainant</p>
<p><i>Being duly authorized to prosecute the offense(s) charged, I hereby approve this Complaint.</i></p>	
<p>DATE: <b>2/28/14</b> <b>mz</b></p>	<p>PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE: </p>
<p>PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:</p>	
<p>NAME/TITLE: <b>JOHN MONNENS (0393286)</b> <b>Assistant County Attorney</b></p>	<p>ADDRESS/TELEPHONE: <b>C2000 Government Center, Minneapolis, MN 55487</b> <b>Telephone: (612) 348-6764</b></p>

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This COMPLAINT was subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

*From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant(s) arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant(s) appearance in Court, or his detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. The Defendant(s) is/are thereof charged with the above-stated offense.*

**SUMMONS**

THEREFORE YOU, THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S), ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM before the above-named court at \_\_\_\_\_ to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

**WARRANT**

EXECUTE IN MINNESOTA ONLY

*To the sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this WARRANT; I hereby order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the above-named Defendant(s) be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the above-named Court (if in session, and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such Court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon thereafter as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available) to be dealt with according to law.*

**ORDER OF DETENTION**

Since the above-named Defendant(s) is already in custody; I hereby order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the above-named Defendant(s) continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: NBR (\$ 35,000 if Defendant fails to appear on Summons)

Conditions of Release: \_\_\_\_\_

This COMPLAINT- \_\_\_\_\_ duly subscribed and sworn to, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ **FEB 27 2014** SIGNATURE

TITLE: **JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT**

**ALLEN OLEISKY**  
**JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT**

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

Clerk's Signature or File Stamp:

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Plaintiff

vs.

**LAURA LEE SCHOLZ**

Defendant(s).

RETURN OF SERVICE

I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this COMPLAINT – SUMMONS, WARRANT, ORDER OF DETENTION upon Defendant(s) herein-named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: