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BOOKKEEPER TIARAH BROKENBOROUGH CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE FELONIES IN THEFT OF MORE THAN \$394,000 FROM BUSINESS



TIARAH BROKENBOROUGH

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 17, 2020) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Lower Merion Township Police Superintendent Michael J. McGrath announce the arrest of Tiarah Brokenborough, 29, of Ardmore, on multiple felony counts related to the theft of more than \$394,000 from Hynes Roofing and Siding.

John and Michelle Hynes, owners of Hynes Roofing and Siding located in Ardmore, contacted the Lower Merion Police on March 14, 2020 to report that they had learned of a significant outstanding balance on a company American Express card that they thought had been closed 18 months earlier. In their further review of the statements, the Hynes found numerous airline tickets purchased in the name of their company bookkeeper, Tiarah Brokenborough.

The Lower Merion Police began an investigation into the apparent theft and found unauthorized use of not only the American Express credit card, but also other company credit cards and the company's checking account, from Oct. 1, 2018 through March 2020, when the theft was discovered by the Hynes's. An extensive review of the charges to the credit cards and checking account, including obtaining records of all transactions, found that Brokenborough made unauthorized purchases and wrote unauthorized checks that totaled \$394,412.44.

In addition to airline tickets, unauthorized purchases and charges by Brokenborough were for other vacation expenses; rent payments; more than \$28,000 worth of tickets through StubHub, including tickets for 76ers, Flyers and Dallas Cowboys games and a Drake concert; \$5,865 paid to a plastic surgeon for liposuction and buttock augmentation; car payments; fine dining; and other purchases and expenses.

“This family-owned business was taken advantage of by someone they trusted. Sadly, it’s not completely uncommon,” said DA Steele. “This is a reminder that every business and non-profit organization needs to have checks on a bookkeeper or treasurer so more than one person has control and oversight of the monetary activity. It’s the only way to be assured the business’ or organization’s money is safe.”

Brokenborough is charged with multiple felony counts of Dealing in Proceeds of Illegal Activity, Theft by Unlawful Taking, Theft by Deception, Receiving Stolen Property, Forgery and other related charges. She was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Karen Eisner Zucker, who set bail at \$10,000 unsecured, and Brokenborough was released. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., Dec. 15, 2020 before Magisterial District Judge Michael P. Quinn.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Scott Frank Frame.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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