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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **School System Accountant Arrested for Theft**

**(Paulding County, GA) On Friday August 21, 2015 Julie Taylor (W/F, 45 YOA) turned herself into the the Paulding County Sheriff's Office where she was charged with one count of Theft by Conversion (F). Taylor, who was a staff accountant with the Paulding County School District, was arrested in connection with the misuse of county funds. Taylor is accused of taking a check from the New Hope Learning Center and purchasing a boat. The check, which was supposed to be used to pay money back to the school district for services that the school utilized over the summer, was written for \$25,782.88.**

**Through an internal audit, the school district noticed that there was money missing from the New Hope Learning Center account. Once they realized what had occurred, they immediately contacted the Sheriff's Office so a criminal investigation could be initiated. At that point, Detectives felt as if they had enough evidence to pursue criminal charges against her. Once Mrs. Taylor turned herself in to authorities, Detectives went to her home where they seized the boat with a search warrant because it was deemed to be fruits of the crime of theft by conversion.**

**Taylor bonded out of the Paulding County Jail shortly after she was booked in on Friday August 21, 2015 and will await trial on this case. According to the Paulding County School District, Mrs. Taylor was terminated from employment with the district once they realized what had occurred.**