MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

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SHERECE EIVINS
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HARRISON COUNTY

STATE OF MISSOURI }

Missouri State Highway Patrol

COUNTY OF HARRISON }
DATE: 08/04/2026

CASE # 260320847
OCN:

I, **CPL C . WRIGHT**, 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 **MILES, LEEANN M** committed the offense(s) listed below **on 08/04/2026 at 1000 hours** in **Harrison** County Missouri.

TYPE	STATUTE	CHARGE CODE	DESCRIPTION
FEL C	**570.030**	**570.030-034Y20232311.0**	**STEALING - $25,000 OR MORE**
FEL A	**570.145**	**570.145-001Y20202699.0**	**FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY/DISABLED PERSON**

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)

In late 2019, victim [redacted], who is over 60 years old, hired LeeAnn M. Miles to oversee her financial responsibilities, including but not limited to payment of bills related to rent, lawn care, house cleaning, medical, taxes, etc. At that time, Ms. Miles was added as a signer to three of [redacted] accounts at BTC Bank in Bethany, Missouri. [redacted] reported Ms. Miles was consistent and prompt in making payments on [redacted] behalf through the duration of her employment.

For her services, [redacted] agreed to a $300.00 payment each month to Ms. Miles, which she observed in the form of electronic funds transfer to Ms. Miles' checking account at BTC Bank. [redacted] stated with Ms. Miles hired to handle her financial affairs, she rarely looked at her bank statements. When [redacted] noticed the balance of one account or the other was lower than she expected, she indicated Ms. Miles would explain the change, which was usually a payment to the IRS for quarterly taxes.

In June 2026, [redacted] observed discrepancies in her financial records and requested her full bank account statements from 2019-present. [redacted] stated her account balances were very low ($1218.45, $1.83, and $764.06 as of June 25, 2026). During review of the account, she observed over 600 transfers to Ms. Miles' checking account.

I received the bank statements for [redacted] and Ms. Miles in response to a subpoena sent to BTC Bank. I observed that Ms. Miles had been paying [redacted] rent and house cleaning expenses by transferring the funds to her own account and making the payment from her (Ms. Miles') account. However, the amounts commonly transferred to Ms. Miles' account, such as $600.00 for rent, were commonly transferred multiple times each month, even though rent was only paid once each month. The "extra" funds in Ms. Miles' account appeared to be used for her own expenses. The following are only a few of the examples of transfers from [redacted] account to Ms. Miles' account, which were believed to be unrelated to [redacted] expenses:

a. The first observed inconsistent transfer to Ms. Miles' account occurred on July 12, 2022, for $650.00. I observed Ms. Miles had a recurring electronic payment debited from her account each month on or around the 12th day, to Ford Motor Credit, in the amount of $943.93. This was the first month I observed in which Ms. Miles' account would not have had sufficient funds to cover the electronic payment (the posted balance of the account on July 11, 2022, was $582.27). By transferring the funds from [redacted] account, Ms. Miles' account had sufficient funds to cover the payment.

b. This appeared to occur again the following month, when, on August 11, 2022, Ms. Miles' posted account balance was $143.30. On August 12, 2022, there was a deposit made into Ms. Miles' account in the amount of $457.01, and a transfer from [redacted] account in the amount of $550.00. On that same day, the Ford Motor Credit Payment was debited from Ms. Miles' account without overdrawing the account.

c. On December 19, 2022, Ms. Miles transferred $1,000.00 into her checking account from Ms. Luther's account. On December 21, 2022, a $1,000.00 check to Commerce Park for "Storage Unit Rent," posted to Ms. Miles' account. [redacted] confirmed she never rented a storage unit, and stated the payment to Commerce Park, or any storage units, was not related to her expenses. Similarly, On April 18, and April 24, 2023, Ms. Miles transferred $500.00 each from [redacted]s account to hers. A $1,000.00 check to Commerce Park for "5 months rent," posted to Ms. Miles' account on April 25, 2023. On each of the separate occurrences, it appears Ms. Miles' account would not have had sufficient funds to cover either of the checks to Commerce Park, without the transfers made from [redacted] account.

d. Between January 2-4, 2024, I observed a series of transfers from [redacted] account to Ms. Miles' account: (4) for $600.00 and (2) for $300.00, totaling $3000.00. On Ms. Miles' account statements, I located a debit card charge for $2,976.02 to "WDW PKG RESDIGITAL". An open-source search for that phrase indicated it was a charge related to Walt Disney World in Florida.

Most of the transfers observed from [redacted] account to Ms. Miles' account were in "familiar" amounts, such as $300.00, $600.00, and $50.00. These amounts would have seemed familiar to [redacted] if she had observed them on a statement, since they were for Ms. Miles' payment, rent, and cleaning, respectively. However, there were many instances observed where these familiar amounts were transferred to Ms. Miles' account not only multiple times each month, but some even occurring multiple times on the same day.

During the first full calendar year (12 months in 2020) as a signer on [redacted] accounts, Ms. Miles transferred a total of $5,646.90 to her own checking account. Each transfer during this time frame was able to be matched to one of [redacted] expenses, to the exact amount, with the addition of $300 per month for Ms. Miles' compensation. Even so, [redacted] Luther advised she never intended Ms. Miles to transfer the funds for such payments to Ms. Miles' personal checking account. She stated that was the reason she created the checking account she designated for paying bills, then added Ms. Miles as a signer.

During the last full calendar month (June 2026) as a signer on [redacted] accounts, Ms. Miles transferred a total of $8,210.00 to her own checking account. The transfers that were able to be matched to a legitimate expense involving [redacted] (including the $300 monthly payment to Ms. Miles) totaled: $1,320.00.

The total amount transferred to Ms. Miles' account from December 2019 through July 2026 was: $216,176.19. It should be noted that total included funds used to pay [redacted] expenses, such as rent, house cleaning and lawn care costs, and Medicare payments via checks drawn on Ms. Miles' account and the monthly $300 transfer for payment to Ms. Miles for her services. The total amount which could not be explained by these circumstances was: $158,964.29.

The total amount transferred (more than 500 total transfers) to Ms. Miles' account from November 2023 through July 2026 (33 months) was $159,382.19. When subtracting the same monthly expenses for [redacted], as outlined above, the total amount which could not be explained by these circumstances was: $127,615.89.

[redacted] also reported receiving notice that her quarterly taxes had not been paid, as Ms. Miles led her to believe. She indicated she was now past the deadline for filing taxes and would likely owe penalty fees for being late.

Ms. Miles agreed to an interview, where she explained her qualifications and credentials for handling [redacted] expenses: She stated she had a master's degree in accounting and worked for the University of Missouri in the financial field. Following that, she stated she worked for the hospital in Bethany as Chief Financial Officer.

Ms. Miles stated she initially requested $25.00 per day, 365 days per year from [redacted] as compensation for her services. She said [redacted] indicated she was unable to afford that fee, and they both agreed upon $300.00 per month. She stated the agreed upon amount was never on a written agreement. Ms. Miles' explanation for the increase in transfers to her own account from Ms. Luther's account was that she was paying herself the backpay for [redacted] to catch up to the amount she owed ($25.00 per day), however Ms. Miles stated she did not inform [redacted] of the increase. She also stated [redacted] sent her a 1099 form for tax purposes each year, outlining her compensation at $300.00 per month, suggesting anything above that amount was unknown to [redacted] and unreported income by Ms. Miles.

Ms. Miles stated she was "about caught up" on what she was owed, although her computer crashed, which had contained the Excel spreadsheet she used to track her compensation from [redacted]. When asked how she knew how much she was owed, she indicated she had estimated the numbers from her memory.

During the interview, Ms. Miles estimated she was owed about $118,000.00. When informed the transfers to her account amounted to more than $200,000.00 Ms. Miles' only explanation was that she may have made an error in her estimations. When asked why someone with her qualifications and experience in accounting would operate using estimates, and did not communicate any changes in compensation, including providing receipts to her client, she could not provide an explanation.

3. *For the issuance of a warrant in the misdemeanor case,* ***complete at least one of the following.***

A. I believe the defendant will not appear in court to respond to a criminal summons because
Insert facts to show the defendant will not appear, e.g. there is an outstanding warrant for failure to appear

B. I believe the defendant poses: *Insert one or all of the following*
Insert facts showing defendant is a danger to victim, e.g. cursing victim, assaulted victim, threatened victim.
(1) a danger to a crime victim because

Insert facts showing defendant poses a danger, e.g. intoxicated to a level which is unsafe
(2) a danger to the community or to any other person because

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

/s/ CPL C . WRIGHT C. M. Wr
Signature

08/04/2026
Date