

DEFENDANT: LAURA A HATFIELD
DOB: 11/14/1978 AGE: 42
ADDRESS:
55 FAIRGROUND ROAD. APT. 6
BRATTLEBORO, VT 05301

ARRAIGNMENT DATE: March 16, 2021
SA CASE ID.: 21-2099
ASSIGNED (D)SA: ERN:
POLICE DEPT.: Brattleboro Police Department
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: GREGORY EATON
VICTIM ADVOCATE:
INCIDENT NO.: 19BB09523

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
WINDHAM UNIT

STATE OF VERMONT

v.

LAURA A HATFIELD

CRIMINAL DIVISION

DOCKET NO.

INFORMATION BY STATE'S ATTORNEY

By the authority of the State of Vermont, the State's Attorney for Windham County, upon the oath of office charges:

COUNT 1 OF 1

CHARGE CODE: 13V2531A=F | CODE ID: 398 | OFFENSE CLASS: F
CHARGE NAME: EMBEZZLEMENT- MORE THAN \$100

LAURA A HATFIELD, in the County of Windham, at Brattleboro between February 9, 2015 and September 30, 2016, was, who embezzled or fraudulently converted to his or her own use money or other property valued at more than \$100, or took or secreted with intent to embezzle or fraudulently convert to his or her own use, money or other property which came into his or her possession or is under his or her care by virtue of such employment, notwithstanding he or she may have an interest in such money or property, in violation of 13 V.S.A. 2531(a).

Penalty: Imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined not more than \$10,000.00 or both.

Against the peace and dignity of the State.

DATED: February 12, 2021

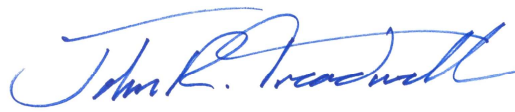
/s/ Steven M. Brown

State's Attorney (Deputy)

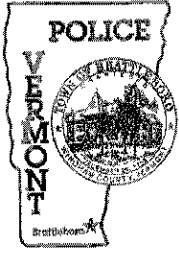
Referral(s) if applicable: - X No Referral – Reason:

This information has been presented to me and I have found probable cause.

DATED: 2/18/2021



Superior Court Judge



BRATTLEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

62 Black Mountain Road - Brattleboro, Vermont 05301
State of Vermont - County of Windham, ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE Incident # 19BB09523

NOW COMES Detective Sergeant Greg Eaton, affiant being duly sworn and on oath, deposes and says they have probable cause to believe that **Laura A. Hatfield** has committed the offense of **embezzlement**, a violation of Title 13 Vermont Statutes Annotated § 2531.

I, Greg Eaton, am now and have been since August 2009 a regular member of the Brattleboro Police Department and bring forth:

Laura A. Hatfield
DOB: 11/14/1978

1. On 12/18/19 I met with Attorney Amelia Darrow, Power of Attorney (POA) for David W. Allen (10/20/32). I learned from Darrow that Laura A. Hatfield (11/14/78), a prior POA, had spent a significant amount of Allen's money for things that were not for Allen or his benefit. Darrow provided some bank statements and other documentation related to this case. Darrow's employee, Nicole Hammond (12/31/77), reviewed the bank statements and prepared other documentation that was also provided to me.
2. The POA agreement states, in part:
I authorize my Agent to do an perform all things I could do in the transaction of any business of mine, on such terms and in such manner as said Agent may deem appropriate including, without limitation, power an authority:
 - a. **Monies.** To use the funds in any account of mine on deposit with any financial institution for any purpose in connection with my personal needs, support, maintenance and medical attention, or for any other purpose which my Agent, in my Agent's sole and unrestricted discretion and judgment deems in my best interest; to collect any monies due me; to make deposits and withdrawals, whether by check or otherwise; to renew or not renew any certificates of deposit; to ha full access to the contents of any and all of my safe deposit boxes; and to agree to and sign in my name any authority, signature cards, or other documents that my Agent or any institution may deem appropriate. No bank or any person shall be required to inquire into any such deposit or withdrawal made by my Agent. Any banks, trust companies, national banks, savings banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, safe deposit companies, stock brokers, fiduciaries, depositories or other institutions, persons, firms or corporations shall act in reliance hereon and shall be fully protected even through my Agent may be self-dealing, as it is contemplated by me that such may be the case.

And

- s. **Other Acts.** To take any and all actions on my behalf as fully and effectively as if I were personally present, other than the making of health care decisions, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9701, and those as specifically restricted in section 1. above.

3. On 2/26/20, I met with David Allen at Pine Heights in Brattleboro, VT. In an audio recorded interview, Allen detailed for me that he used to live next to Hatfield on Culberston Drive in Brattleboro.
 - a. At some point, he moved in to the Bradley House, in Brattleboro, VT where Hatfield worked and has lived in an assisted living facility since.
 - b. After approximately 5 years, Allen signed Hatfield on as his Power of Attorney (POA). Hatfield was appointed POA on July 21, 2013 and was replaced as POA on October 4, 2016 by Joseph Cook (9/11/53).
 - c. Allen stated that during Hatfield's time as his POA, she was only supposed to spend his money on him and things that benefited him.
 - d. Other than the occasional dinner, he didn't really do anything with Hatfield.
 - e. He would go on trips with other residence, like a boat trip down the Connecticut River. All of the trips were within New England. Most of the trips were in the very close geographical area of Brattleboro.
 - f. Allen said he did not fly anywhere, stay in any hotels or go out to eat other than with Hatfield.
 - g. I asked Allen if he allowed Hatfield to do those things and he said, "No, I didn't know about it."
 - h. I asked Allen if he allowed anyone else to go on any of those trips with his money. He replied "No, I didn't authorize her to spend money on herself."
 - i. He did write checks to charities once a month, but he chose the charity and wrote the check himself. The largest donation he would write was \$25.
 - j. Hatfield also sold his car at the Ford dealership where he bought it from. He was supposed to get half of the proceeds (\$600), but Hatfield told he she got a bill from the State of Vermont for almost the exact amount of his share of the sale price, so he never saw any money from it.
 - k. They did not go shopping together. Hatfield bought him a radio and pants at Walmart.
4. I spoke to Cook on 4/17/20 on a recorded phone.
 - a. Cook filed Allen's taxes, but the misuse of funds came to his attention when they applied for Medicaid. Cook briefly talked to Hatfield and said it was an awkward conversation. She cut the conversation off and said she retained an attorney so he didn't try talking to her any more. She said something to him about possibly paying Allen back at \$600 a month.
5. I received banking documents from People's United Bank through two subpoenas. Hammond, at Darrow's office, conducted the review of Allen's and Hatfield's bank statements. I have two letters from Darrow's office regarding the accounting review. One is dated July 6, 2020 and the other is dated November 10, 2020. These letters provide further details as to the amount of money that was taken out of each of Allen's accounts for the time period listed. Both of these letters are attached and incorporated by reference.
6. Below is a transfer summary from Allen's 3 accounts into Hatfield's account as provided by Darrow's office.
 - a. Transfers from David Allen's Account # 0830171738 (checking) to Account # 00560197993 (Laura's account) between April, 2014 and June, 2016 \$7,750.00
 - b. Transfers from David Allen's Account # 6500399359 to Account # 00560197993 (Laura's account) on April 11, 2014 \$4,000.00
 - c. Transfers from David Allen's Account # 4451967066 to Account # 0560197993 (Laura's account) between December, 2013 and October, 2016 \$155,745.36

7. I spoke to Hatfield on the phone who declined to participate in an interview. She met with me at the Brattleboro Police Department on 12/18/20, where I issued her a citation for embezzlement to appear in Windham Superior Court, Windham Division for 2/2/21.
8. On January 30, 2021 I dropped off a list of individual transactions that were provided by Darrow's office to nursing supervisor Celeste MacArthur (6/29/55). Celeste gave the list to the Director of Social Services, Carmen "Nina" Willson (9/16/82), who reviewed the list with Allen. Allen stated to her that he went to the Whetstone one time with Hatfield for drinks, but not dinner. He also went to the Marina with Hatfield one time for brunch. I removed the first charge for the Whetstone of \$62 and the first charge from the Marina of \$70 from the list below to represent the two known charges.. Below is the list of items that Allen did not make himself nor were made in his benefit.

David Allen's account # 0830171738 (dates from 7/22/2013 - 9/30/2016)

7/23/2013	Laura Hatfield	750.00
8/5/2013	Laura Hatfield	225.00
9/5/2013	Laura Hatfield	350.00
9/9/2013	JetBlue	114.90
9/13/2013	ATM Withdrawal	200.00
9/19/2013	USPS	37.19
10/1/2013	Exxonmobile	37.28
10/7/2013	United	234.80
10/8/2013	Enterprise Rental/FL	112.81
10/15/2013	Laura Hatfield	400.00
11/13/2013	ATM Withdrawal	260.00
11/13/2013	US Airway NC	194.30
11/13/2013	US Airway NC	25.00
11/14/2013	Walmart	128.85
11/14/2013	US Airway AZ	111.50
11/14/2013	Airside F - Florida	31.73
11/14/2013	Chilis - Florida	30.00
11/15/2013	Southwest - TX	134.90
11/18/2013	Hampton Inn Bratt.	261.80
11/18/2013	BDL Dollar Rent - CT	159.97
11/18/2013	Ampco Parking - FL	48.00
11/18/2013	Locks Landing - CT	40.00
11/18/2013	Southwest - TX	5.00
11/25/2013	Target - Florida	107.59
11/25/2013	Publix - FL	40.24
11/25/2013	Ruby Tuesday - FL	30.00
11/25/2013	Ruby Tuesday - FL	15.00
11/25/2013	USCC Call Center	100.00
11/27/2013	Walmart - Florida	108.50
11/29/2013	Chevron/Sunrise - FL	44.02
11/29/2013	Palm Bay Hotel - FL	240.00
11/29/2013	LaQuinta - FL	182.56

11/29/2013	LaQuinta - FL	97.08
11/29/2013	LaQuinta - FL	94.08
11/29/2013	LaQuinta - FL	94.08
11/29/2013	LaQuinta - FL	94.08
11/29/2013	LaQuinta - FL	94.08
11/29/2013	LaQuinta - FL	85.50
11/29/2013	Palm Bay Hotel - FL	40.00
11/29/2013	Metro Self Stor- FL	10.07
12/2/2013	ATM Withdrawal - FL	200.00
12/2/2013	7-Eleven - FL	21.34
12/2/2013	ATM Surcharge - FL	3.00
12/3/2013	Hotwire-Sales - CA	86.40
12/4/2013	Southwest - TX	420.70
12/5/2013	Rancho Viejo - FL	50.00
12/6/2013	Palm Bay Hotel - FL	240.00
12/13/2013	Palm Bay Hotel - FL	50.00
12/23/2013	Cash	350.00
12/23/2013	Cash	200.00
1/3/2014	Laura Hatfield	2,949.28
1/21/2014	Laura Hatfield	1,625.00
3/10/2014	Super 8 - Brattleboro	25.00
3/14/2014	Super 8 - Brattleboro	1,155.00
3/24/2014	Whetstone Station	50.00
3/26/2014	Staples	69.02
4/2/2014	WM SuperCenter	149.00
4/2/2014	The Marina	46.00
4/3/2014	Hampton Inn - Brattleboro	191.28
4/7/2014	Walmart - PA	44.74
4/9/2014	Little Johns - CA	68.70
4/14/2014	New Beginning - PA	3,180.00
4/14/2014	Hudson Valley, NY	103.80
4/14/2014	Shell Oil - NY	42.05
4/16/2014	Withdrawal	200.00
4/14/2014	Whetstone Station	56.10
4/18/2014	Prouty's	41.50
4/21/2014	Hampton Inn - Brattleboro	451.67
4/29/2014	Amazon	9.34
4/30/2014	Amazon	156.79
4/30/2014	Amazon	67.98
4/30/2014	Amazon	36.99
4/30/2014	Amazon	29.37
4/30/2014	Amazon	14.58
4/30/2014	Amazon	5.75
5/1/2014	Amazon	175.77

5/5/2014	Hilton Garden - NY	254.87
5/5/2014	Sunoco - NY	32.45
5/6/2014	Hampton Inn - Brattleboro	334.84
5/7/2014	Shell Oil - CT	39.59
5/9/2014	WM SuperCenter - PA	60.20
5/12/2014	Laura Hatfield	2,646.02
5/12/2014	Laura Hatfield	2,368.42
5/27/2014	ATM Withdrawal	400.00
5/27/2014	Pride Station - MA	40.00
5/27/2014	Hampton Inn - Brattleboro	386.66
5/27/2014	Residence Inn - MA	178.79
5/27/2014	Hampton Inn - PA	129.71
5/27/2014	Central House - PA	97.01
5/27/2014	Brattleboro Foo	82.00
5/27/2014	Hampton Inn - Brattleboro	75.90
5/27/2014	Bakers Hallmark	50.00
5/27/2014	On The Border - MA	39.92
5/27/2014	The Marina	35.00
5/28/2014	Amerigas - PA	5,000.00
5/30/2014	New Beginning - PA	3,200.00
6/2/2014	Central House - PA	579.88
6/6/2014	Central House - PA	150.42
6/11/2014	Chilis - NY	55.00
6/13/2014	Hilton Garden - NY	215.47
6/16/2014	The Marina	71.95
6/16/2014	The Marina	45.00
6/16/2014	Sunoco	44.03
6/18/2014	The Marina	50.00
6/20/2014	Hampton Inn - Brattleboro	1,016.82
6/30/2014	Days Inn - NJ	135.85
6/30/2014	Anchor Seafood	57.00
6/30/2014	Sunoco - MA	44.77
7/1/2014	The Marina	40.00
7/7/2014	Hampton Inn - Brattleboro	998.59
7/7/2014	The Marina	75.00
7/7/2014	Anchor Searfood	65.10
7/8/2014	The Marina	65.00
7/10/2014	The Marina	55.00
7/10/2014	Sunoco	38.63
7/11/2014	ATM Withdrawal	200.00
7/14/2014	Hampton Inn - Brattleboro	709.50
7/14/2014	Chandler's - MA	60.00
7/15/2014	Red Roof Inn - MA	56.96
7/15/2014	The Marina	35.00

7/17/2014	Dandelion & Sag	70.00
7/21/2014	Dandelion & Sag	110.00
7/22/2014	Colonial Motel	313.47
7/22/2014	Colonial Motel	131.98
7/22/2014	Colonial Motel	65.99
7/23/2014	Applebees - MA	65.00
7/23/2014	The Marina	25.00
7/24/2014	Dandelion & Sag	70.10
7/25/2014	Anchor Searfood	125.00
7/28/2014	Dandelion & Sag	65.00
7/28/2014	Dandelion & Sag	60.00
7/29/2014	The Marina	80.00
7/31/2014	ATM Withdrawal	260.00
7/31/2014	Colonial Motel	329.95
7/31/2014	Colonial Motel	65.99
7/31/2014	Colonial Motel	65.99
7/31/2014	Colonial Motel	65.99
7/31/2014	The Marina	50.00
8/1/2014	Whetstone Station	75.12
8/1/2014	Dandelion & Sag	75.10
8/1/2014	Colonial Motel	65.99
8/4/2014	Dandelion & Sag	131.75
8/4/2014	Colonial Motel	87.99
8/4/2014	Colonial Motel	65.99
8/4/2014	Colonial Motel	65.99
8/4/2014	Sunoco	38.27
8/5/2014	Mama Iguanas - MA	80.00
8/6/2014	7-Eleven	44.03
8/6/2014	Joes Café - MA	60.00
8/8/2014	Brattleboro Tire	1,609.96
8/8/2014	The Marina	50.00
8/11/2014	Colonial Motel	131.98
8/11/2014	JJ's Tavern - Ma	50.00
8/11/2014	99 Rest.	45.00
8/18/2014	Colonial Motel	175.98
8/18/2014	The Marina	75.00
8/18/2014	Dandelion & Sag	60.00
8/29/2014	ATM Withdrawal	300.00
9/2/2014	The Marina	100.00
9/2/2014	Dandelion & Sag	80.00
9/2/2014	Dandelion & Sag	60.00
9/2/2014	Sunoco	41.62
9/5/2014	Walmart	174.40
9/10/2014	ATT Auth Retail	158.99

9/10/2014	Maple Leaf Malt	30.00
9/11/2014	The Marina	50.00
9/11/2014	Sunoco	35.74
9/22/2014	Family Dollar	13.78
9/29/2014	Wilmington Shor	42.14
9/29/2014	Colonial Motel	65.99
9/30/2014	ATM Withdrawal	260.00
10/1/2014	Brattleboro Foo	161.13
10/3/2014	Maple Leaf Malt	55.00
10/14/2014	Anchor Seafood	90.00
10/14/2014	The Marina	50.00
10/14/2014	Hannaford	26.49
10/17/2014	The Marina	50.00
10/31/2014	ATM Withdrawal	200.00
11/3/2014	Cumberland Farm	35.76
11/3/2014	Whetstone Station	35.00
11/4/2014	Anchor Searfood	35.00
11/7/2014	The Roadhouse	45.00
11/10/2014	99 Rest.	45.00
11/21/2014	The Marina	50.00
12/1/2014	The Marina	70.00
12/8/2014	ATM Withdrawal	200.00
12/10/2014	The Marina	50.00
12/22/2014	Had*Harry & Dav	158.86
12/24/2014	Toys R Us	111.28
1/2/2015	The Marina	40.00
1/9/2015	ATM Withdrawal	100.00
1/20/2015	Colonial Motel	65.99
1/23/2015	The Marina	70.00
2/9/2015	Anchor Seafood	65.00
2/10/2015	Craven's Services	300.00
4/1/2015	ATM Withdrawal	100.00
4/13/2015	Dandelion & Sag	40.00
4/13/2015	The Marina	50.00
4/20/2018	ATM Withdrawal	200.00
4/30/2015	Sovernet	39.95
5/7/2015	ATM Withdrawal	200.00
5/18/2015	Brattleboro Foo	203.33
5/19/2015	The Marina	40.00
5/26/2015	ATM Withdrawal	200.00
6/3/2015	The Marina	50.00
6/12/2015	ATM Withdrawal	200.00
6/15/2015	The Marina	60.00
6/24/2015	ATM Withdrawal	200.00

7/6/2015	99 Rest.	70.00
7/7/2015	Magical Earth Retr	200.00
7/13/2015	99 Rest.	60.00
7/13/2015	ATM Withdrawal	200.00
7/14/2015	ATM Withdrawal	140.00
7/15/2015	The Marina	60.00
7/17/2015	Sleepy's	317.99
7/20/2015	Brown and Roberts	12.71
7/20/2015	Shell Service, MA	31.74
7/24/2015	Family Dollar	66.07
7/27/2015	The Marina	80.00
8/3/2015	99 Rest.	75.00
8/4/2015	ATM Withdrawal	100.00
8/17/2015	USPS	12.34
8/18/2015	The Marina	75.00
8/24/2015	Cash Withdrawal	100.00
9/18/2015	Cash Withdrawal	100.00
9/21/2015	99 Rest.	60.00
9/24/2015	Staples	141.97
9/28/2015	The Marina	50.00
9/28/2015	The Marina	60.00
9/30/2015	Billie Slade	77.00
10/1/2015	USPS	16.34
10/13/2015	The Marina	60.00
10/13/2015	Cash Withdrawal	100.00
10/15/2015	Chase	84.22
10/16/2015	Staples	7.01
10/16/2015	Family Dollar	5.73
10/19/2015	The Marina	28.00
10/21/2015	Label Shopp	34.98
10/30/2015	Chili's Keene	40.58
10/30/2015	Cash Withdrawal	100.00
11/4/2015	USPS	12.65
11/9/2015	Cash Withdrawal	100.00
11/10/2015	Cash Withdrawal	300.00
11/12/2015	Cash Withdrawal	100.00
11/12/2015	ATM Surcharge	2.25
11/12/2015	Cash Withdrawal	120.00
11/12/2015	ATM Surcharge	3.00
11/12/2015	Cash Withdrawal	500.00
11/12/2015	7-Eleven	26.83
11/12/2015	7-Eleven	19.82
11/12/2015	Price Chopper	35.35
11/12/2015	Cash Withdrawal	300.00

11/16/2015	The Marina	110.00
11/16/2015	Cash Withdrawal	400.00
11/16/2015	Cash Withdrawal	300.00
11/18/2015	Cash Withdrawal	200.00
11/23/2015	Cash Withdrawal	100.00
11/23/2015	Cash Withdrawal	100.00
11/23/2015	Cash Withdrawal	20.00
11/23/2015	Cash Withdrawal	120.00
11/23/2015	Cash Withdrawal	200.00
11/23/2015	ATM Surcharge	2.00
11/25/2015	Cash Withdrawal	400.00
11/27/2015	Cash Withdrawal	800.00
12/4/2015	Cash Withdrawal	300.00
12/7/2015	Cash Withdrawal	260.00
12/10/2015	ATM Surcharge	2.00
12/30/2015	Dept Education Student Ln	3.99
1/7/2016	Walmart	55.82
1/21/2016	staples	62.51
2/4/2016	VT DMV	20.00
4/28/2016	Chili's Keene	19.58
5/4/2016	checking withdrawal	100.00
5/5/2016	The Marina	55.00
6/20/2016	Cash Withdrawal	200.00
6/21/2016	The Marina	30.00
6/24/2016	Peter Havens	38.00
6/29/2016	The Marina	45.00
6/30/2016	Sam's Dept.	7.94
6/30/2016	Whetstone Station	50.00
7/25/2016	Eb Stafford Hig	29.50
7/25/2016	Exxon Mobile	7.96
7/25/2016	Cash Withdrawal	100.00
7/25/2016	Rodeway Inn	79.28
7/26/2016	The Marina	60.00
7/26/2016	Travel Insurance	27.00
7/26/2016	Rite Aid	63.45
7/27/2016	Enterprise Rent	353.00
7/29/2016	Johnson and Son	11.88
8/1/2016	The Marina	45.00
8/1/2016	Ace Taxi	36.60
8/12/2016	Brattleboro 2 Mai	211.79
9/30/2016	Gulf Oil	27.01

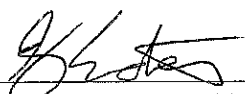
TOTAL

\$57,506.36

After reviewing the individual transactions that were not made in Allen's benefit and the transfers from Allen's 3 accounts into Hatfield's account as provided by Darrow's office, the grand total is \$225,001.72.

Subscribed and sworn before me on
This 9th day of February 2021

(Notary Public)


Detective Sergeant Eaton
2/9/21
(Date)