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Lancaster Woman Charged in Connection With Theft From Elderly Resident

[Lancaster, Ohio, November 19, 2014] Detectives have charged Brittany N. Shaeffer, 23, of 1087 Blue Valley Rd., Lancaster, Ohio 43130 in connection with several thefts from an elderly woman over the past month.

“A caregiver stole hundreds from an elderly victim,” stated Sheriff Dave Phalen. Shaeffer, a caregiver for the Ultimate Home Health, 432 South Ewing St., Lancaster, Ohio 43130 would regularly visit a 61-year-old that is physically disabled and was being treated at home. Shaeffer was found to be taking cash from the victim over a period of weeks. Phalen stated the victim’s daughter strategically placed cameras in the home after suspecting the healthcare worker of taking money from her mother. Several hundred dollars was stolen from the home during these incidents. Detectives are continuing to investigate other potential victims that may have been victimized by Shaeffer.

“It is our belief Shaeffer preyed upon this innocent victim and we are verifying that there are no other victims,” stated Lt. Tim Voris. “These types of crimes will be aggressively investigated and those who commit financial crimes and victimize our residents will be prosecuted,” stated Sheriff Dave Phalen.

Ms. Shaeffer has been charged with one (1) count of THEFT FROM A PERSON IN A PROTECTIVE CLASS, F-5, punishable by up to 12 months in prison and a \$2,500 fine.

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