



## URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT

U20-00134

## INCIDENT DETAIL

Officer: 3355	METCAD Event#: 200100121	Incident: UU2000134
Occurred on Tuesday 01/07/2020 at 14:41		
Reported on Friday 01/10/2020 at 11:23	Dispatch Time: 11:31	Arrival Time: 11:35
Incident Adr: 00810 W UNIVERSITY AV X STR LINCOLN URBANA	Loc type: 140. BUSINESS - COMMERCIAL	GEO:54610
Officer Injured:	Use of Force: N	

## OFFENSE

Offense Crime Code/Desc.	CSA	Act.	# Pr.	Force	Circ.	Weapon	Bias
0860 THEFT-RETAIL	-		0000	NO			88

## SYNOPSIS

Offender entered the victim business and selected merchandise. Offender left victim business without paying for all the items selected.

## ARRESTEE/OFFENDER

Name AMMONS, CAROL C (offender)				Address [REDACTED] URBANA, IL 61801				Telephone [REDACTED]				
Emp Code Y	Employer/School Name				Emp. Address 00000				Emp Tel unknown			
DOB [REDACTED]	Age (when occurred) 47	Race B	Sex F	Height 504	Weight 187	Hair BLK	Eye BRO	SSN 0 - -	DL# [REDACTED]			
Injury Code N	Victim Code	Hospitalized?	Treated by						Alc,Drg,CIT			

## VICTIM

Name CARLE AUXILIARY RESALE SHOP				Address 810 W UNIVERSITY URBANA, IL 61801				Telephone unknown				
Victim Code B	Corporate/Owner Name				Corporate Address 00000							

## WITNESS

Name [REDACTED]				Address [REDACTED]				Telephone [REDACTED]				
Emp Code Y	Employer/School Name CARLE AUXILIARY RESALE SHOP				Emp. Address 00000				Emp Tel unknown			
DOB [REDACTED]	Age (when occurred) [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]	Height 000	Weight 000	Hair [REDACTED]	Eye	SSN 0 - -	DL#			
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Name [REDACTED]				Address [REDACTED]				Telephone [REDACTED]					
Emp Code Y	Employer/School Name CARLE AUXILIARY RESALE SHOP				Emp. Address [REDACTED] 00000				Emp Tel unknown				
DOB [REDACTED]	Age (when occurred) [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]	Height [REDACTED]	Weight [REDACTED]	Hair [REDACTED]	Eye [REDACTED]	SSN 0 - -	DL# [REDACTED]				
Injury Code N	Victim Code	Hospitalized?	Treated by						Alc,Drg,CIT				
<b>REPORTING</b>													
Name [REDACTED]				Address [REDACTED]				Telephone [REDACTED]					
Emp Code	Employer/School Name				Emp. Address [REDACTED] 00000				Emp Tel unknown				
DOB [REDACTED]	Age (when occurred) [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	Sex M	Height [REDACTED]	Weight [REDACTED]	Hair [REDACTED]	Eye [REDACTED]	SSN 0 - -	DL# [REDACTED]				
Injury Code N	Victim Code	Hospitalized?	Treated by						Alc,Drg,CIT				
<b>OTHER</b>													
Name [REDACTED]				Address [REDACTED]				Telephone [REDACTED]					
Emp Code Y	Employer/School Name CARLE SECURITY OFFICE				Emp. Address [REDACTED] 00000				Emp Tel unknown				
DOB [REDACTED]	Age (when occurred) [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	Sex M	Height 000	Weight 000	Hair [REDACTED]	Eye [REDACTED]	SSN 0 - -	DL# [REDACTED]				
Injury Code N	Victim Code	Hospitalized?	Treated by						[REDACTED],CIT				
Name [REDACTED]				Address [REDACTED]				Telephone [REDACTED]					
Emp Code Y	Employer/School Name CARLE AUXILIARY RESALE				Emp. Address [REDACTED] 00000				Emp Tel unknown				
DOB [REDACTED]	Age (when occurred) [REDACTED]	Race [REDACTED]	Sex F	Height [REDACTED]	Weight [REDACTED]	Hair [REDACTED]	Eye [REDACTED]	SSN 0 - -	DL# [REDACTED]				
Injury Code N	Victim Code	Hospitalized?	Treated by						Alc,Drg,CIT				
<b>RELATION</b>													
Offense				Victim				Relationship				Offender	
0860 THEFT-RETAIL				CARLE AUXILIARY RESALE SHOP				(RU) UNKNOWN RELATIONSHIP				AMMONS, CAROL C	
<b>PROPERTY</b>													
Tag# 58305   Description SURVEILLANCE VIDEO OF THEFT													
Loss Recv	Quantity Measure Value		1.000 [REDACTED] .00		Serial # Evidence? YES			Loc 810 W UNIVERSITY		Disposition EL #36			
Drug Code NA		Evidence Pkg Type Other				Property Code 921-MISC DIGITAL PROPERTY							
Tag# 58307   Description WATCHGAURD CASE FILE 355													

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Loss Recv	Quantity Measure Value .000 .00	Serial # Evidence? YES	Loc OFFICER BURNETT BWC	Disposition WATCHGAURD EVIDENCE LIBRARY
Drug Code NA	Evidence Pkg Type Other	Property Code 905-BODY CAMERA VIDEO		
Tag# 58310 Description TAG FROM STOLEN PURSE FOUND ON FLOOR				
Loss Recv	Quantity Measure Value 1.000 .00	Serial # Evidence? YES	Loc FOUND ON FLOOR OF 810 W UNIVERSITY	Disposition EL 36
Drug Code NA	Evidence Pkg Type Other	Property Code 987-DOCUMENTS / RECEIPTS		
Description BLACK COACH PURSE				
Loss 7 Recv	Quantity Measure Value 1.000 80.00	Serial # Evidence? NO	Loc NOT RECOVERED	Disposition STOLEN
Drug Code NA	Evidence Pkg Type Other	Property Code 740-PURSE OR WALLET		
<b>NARRATIVE</b>				

On 01/10/2020 at approximately 11:30 hours, METCAD advised of a theft report from the Carle Auxiliary Resale Shop. METCAD advised the theft occurred on 01/07/2020 and asked that I meet with Carle Security Officer, [REDACTED] at the Security Office.

Upon my arrival, I met with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that we needed to go to his Director's Office. I followed [REDACTED] to the office of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] explained that the offender in this theft had been identified as Carol Ammons. [REDACTED] was referring to State Representative Carol Ammons. [REDACTED] asked me if I was familiar with her. I stated I was. [REDACTED] claimed he was not. [REDACTED] advised that because of Ammons position his Administrators asked that this be handled discretely behind closed doors.

[REDACTED] advised he had been alerted to the theft from the Resale Shop Manager, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to try and find video footage of the incident. [REDACTED] explained he located the video and then he and [REDACTED] watched the video together. [REDACTED] reported that immediately [REDACTED] was able to identify Ammons as the offender. According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] claimed Ammons was a regular Patron of the store.

At this time I observed the video with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Watching the video, I observed the female, identified as Carol Ammons, enter the store at 14:27 hours. Ammons was not carrying a purse at this time and appeared to be carrying a small clutch wallet in her hand. As Ammons entered the store she appeared to stop at a table on her right where purses were located. At approximately 14:30 hours Ammons was observed at a clothing rack with a purse in her right hand. Approximately one minute later

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Ammons is observed reaching her right hand into the purse. A few seconds later Ammons steps away from the rack and a white object appears on the floor near Ammons feet. It should be noted this white object was not on the floor when Ammons walked to the rack. The white item on the floor was later discovered to be a price tag for the stolen purse. At approximately 1432 hours, [REDACTED] explained the paper stuffing that was inside the purse appeared to be visible. [REDACTED] advised the purses are filled with tissue paper prior to being displayed. About three minutes later at 1435 hours Ammons was observed at another clothing rack. The camera view at this rack was much clearer and Ammons face could clearly be identified. At approximately 1435 hours, Ammons was observed entering a changing room. Ammons entered the changing room that was closest to the cash registers. When watching the video there were two rooms in view and this room was on the right. Ammons closed the curtains at this time. At approximately 1438 hours, Ammons proceeded to the counter to purchase items. At 1421 hours, Ammons was observed leaving the store with a bag of merchandise and the stolen purse on her right arm. Ammons did not purchase the purse with her items. At approximately 1522 hours, store volunteer, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] entered the changing room that Ammons had been in. [REDACTED] exiting the room holding the paper stuffing in her hands. At approximately 1550 hours, [REDACTED] discovered the white price tag on the floor next to the rack which Ammons had been observed standing. It should be noted that while watching the video, the curtain to the changing room remained closed after Ammons exited the room. At no point did another patron enter that room prior to [REDACTED] locating the paper stuffing.

After observing the video with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I left my contact information and a case number with them. [REDACTED] provided me with the names and phone numbers of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] store manager, and the two volunteers who were working when the theft occurred, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

After speaking with [REDACTED] I left to contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I contacted [REDACTED] by phone. [REDACTED] explained that she learned of the theft on 01/08/2020 when she arrived to work. [REDACTED] reported she was asked by another employee if she had talked with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was upset about the incident and she called her to get more information. [REDACTED] claimed after speaking with [REDACTED] she contacted [REDACTED] to see if he could access the store video. [REDACTED] reported on



01/09/2020 she and [REDACTED] observed the video together. [REDACTED] claimed that while watching the video she quickly identified the offender as Carol Ammons. [REDACTED] explained to me that Ammons is a regular customer in the store and that she has had multiple interactions with her in the store. [REDACTED] claimed Ammons has purchased items using credit cards with her name on them and she was aware of her political status as well. [REDACTED] also explained to me that she was responsible for tagging and pricing the higher end items like the purse. [REDACTED] stated she specifically tagged the purse that was stolen and that was her handwriting on the tag located. [REDACTED] described the purse as being a black Coach brand handbag and stated it was valued at \$80.00. [REDACTED] informed me that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] wanted to speak with me regarding the incident. [REDACTED] explained both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were working at the store today from 1300 to 1600 hours. [REDACTED] also reported that Ammons purchased her items using a \$50.00 bill. [REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] a receipt of purchase showing the transaction made with a \$50.00 bill that did not include the purse. A copy of this receipt has been attached to the report.

After returning to the Urbana Police Department to speak with Sgt. Hewkin and Lt. Sanders about the case, I returned to the Carle Auxiliary Resale Shop to speak with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Upon my arrival, I spoke with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I asked to speak with each of them independently. I met with [REDACTED] first. [REDACTED] and I met in a break room away from all other patrons and employees.

[REDACTED] Interview:

[REDACTED] understood and I was there to speak about the purse stolen on 01/07/2020. [REDACTED] explained to me that she was working on that day. [REDACTED] stated that she discovered the paper stuffing that was left in the changing room. [REDACTED] explained to me that she noticed the curtain on the changing room was still mostly closed. [REDACTED] explained that she went to the changing room to see if any clothing had been left behind. [REDACTED] stated while inside the changing room she noticed the paper stuffing behind a chair. [REDACTED] stated that in her opinion the paper stuffing did not just fall there but it was intentionally placed in its location. I asked [REDACTED] if she observed anyone going into the changing room. She stated she did not. [REDACTED] explained she recalled two patrons in the store prior to finding the paper. [REDACTED] explained one

of the patrons was a regular customer and she identified her as Carol Ammons. [REDACTED] explained she did not see Ammons select the purse but clearly identified her as being in the store. [REDACTED] advised that when Ammons made her purchase she recalled her having a purse with her but she could not identify what it looked like. [REDACTED] stated that she and [REDACTED] notified another employee of the theft when she came in to close the store but she could not tell me that employee's name. Again it was [REDACTED] opinion that the person who left the paper stuffing behind intentionally attempted to hide it behind a chair. I thanked [REDACTED] for her time and then spoke with [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Interview:

I explained to [REDACTED] that I was investigating the theft of the purse taken on 01/07/2020. I asked [REDACTED] if she was working that day. [REDACTED] stated that she was. I asked [REDACTED] what alerted her that a theft had occurred. [REDACTED] explained that after [REDACTED] checked the changing room and came out with the paper stuffing she had the idea that a purse may have been taken. [REDACTED] claimed that [REDACTED] later found the price tag for the purse on the floor inside the store and it was at this point she realized it probably was stolen. I asked [REDACTED] if she was aware who had been in the store prior to [REDACTED] finding the paper stuffing. [REDACTED] explained that she had it in her mind that a customer by the name of [REDACTED] may have taken the purse. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] came into the store earlier that day specifically looking for purses and recalled her trying three on but she did not purchase one. [REDACTED] claimed [REDACTED] made a purchase but a purse was not included. [REDACTED] stated that she explained this to [REDACTED] but learned [REDACTED] was not the person in question. [REDACTED] claimed that she recalled two people in the store shortly before [REDACTED] located the paper stuffing. [REDACTED] stated one of the females was Carol Ammons. [REDACTED] claimed she did not suspect Ammons of taking anything because she is a regular customer who normally spends a lot of money in the store. [REDACTED] stated that another female was also in the store and she described her as elderly and recalled her having a name of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] if she observed anyone go into the changing room. [REDACTED] stated she did not. [REDACTED] claimed she was preoccupied with untangling jewelry and she wasn't paying attention. I asked [REDACTED] if she recalled Ammons selecting a purse. She stated that she did not recall her select a purse or go into the changing room but

admitted to not paying attention to Ammons as she was a regular paying customer. I asked [REDACTED] who she reported the incident to. [REDACTED] stated she notified [REDACTED] of the theft when she came to close the store at then end of the evening. At one point [REDACTED] mentioned the video. I asked [REDACTED] if she had observed the video. She stated she had not. [REDACTED] claimed this incident was upsetting and made her mad.

In regards to both interviews, neither [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] observed Ammons enter the changing room or select a purse but both seemed very familiar with Ammons and identified her as a regular patron of the store and were certain Ammons was inside the store prior to [REDACTED] finding the paper stuffing.

It should be noted that I have attached my body camera footage of this incident to this report. I have also added to evidence the surveillance video and paper price tag located on the floor by [REDACTED] I have also attached to this report a detailed timeline of events given to me from [REDACTED] as he originally observed the video.

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CLERK 1 NO.048415  
TIME 14:20 1111  
DATE 01.07.'20 TUE  
ACC/JNLRY 21 \$100.00  
TAXI AMT \$9.00  
TOTAL \$109.00  
CASH \$109.00

CLERK 1 NO.048416  
TIME 14:47 1111  
DATE 01.07.'20 TUE  
HSE WARE 21 \$1.00  
TAXI AMT \$5.59  
TOTAL \$6.59  
CASH \$6.59  
CHANGE \$0.00

CLERK 1 NO.048417  
TIME 15:00 1111  
DATE 01.07.'20 TUE  
HSE WARE 21 \$3.00  
ACC/JNLRY 21 \$4.00  
TAXI AMT \$0.53  
TOTAL \$7.53  
CASH \$7.53  
CHANGE \$0.00

CLERK 1 NO.048418  
TIME 15:19 1111  
DATE 01.07.'20 TUE  
ACC/JNLRY 21 \$8.00  
TAXI AMT \$0.72  
TOTAL \$8.72  
CASH \$8.72  
CHANGE \$0.00

CLERK 1 NO.048419  
TIME 15:08 1111  
DATE 01.07.'20 TUE  
HSE WARE 21 \$0.00  
HSE WARE 21 \$10.00  
ACC/JNLRY 21 \$7.50  
HSE WARE 21 \$0.00  
TAXI AMT \$7.57  
TOTAL \$17.07  
CASH \$17.07  
CHANGE \$0.00

CLERK 1 NO.048420  
TIME 16:13 1111  
DATE 01.07.'20 TUE  
ACC/JNLRY 21 \$1.25  
TAXI AMT \$0.11  
TOTAL \$1.36  
CASH \$1.36  
CHANGE \$0.00  
CLERK 1 NO.048421

Ammons  
Transaction  
→

# **TIMELINE: Carle Resale Boutique**

**January 7, 2020**

**2:27:36** Ms. Ammons enters the Boutique (no purse, clutch or wallet in right hand)

**2:28:00** Ms. Ammons stops at table where purses are located

**2:30:51** Ms. Ammons is seen at clothes rack with purse in right hand  
(No price tag on the floor)

**2:31:19 thru**

**2:31:36** Wallet/Clutch is visible. Ms. Ammons reaches into bag with right hand

**2:31:33 thru**

**2:31:48** Price tag appears on the floor

**2:32:03** Paper stuffing and wallet appear in purse

**2:35:07** Clear face photo of Ms. Ammons

**2:35:27** Paper stuffing in purse

**2:35:29** Ms. Ammons enters changing room

**2:38:17** Ms. Ammons proceeds to counter to purchase

**2:41:15 thru**

**2:41:20** Ms. Ammons leaves the store with unpurchased purse

**3:22:00** Volunteer, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] retrieves paper stuffing from changing room

**3:50:10 thru**

**3:50:34** Volunteer, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] discovers price tag on the floor

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Status:D

ToFrom:

Date:01/21/2020

Officer: 3327

Incident#:UU2000134 TAG#:(58310) QTY:1.000 INV. LOC.:E 132  
on 01/21/2020 by SMITH, DUANE A

Description: TAG FROM STOLEN PURSE FOUND ON FLOOR

Incident#:UU2000134 TAG#:(59520) QTY:1.000 INV. LOC.:E 132  
on 01/21/2020 by SMITH, DUANE A

Description: SALES RECEIPT

SIGNATURE

DATE 01/21/20





# **URBANA POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

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#20-00586

## **SUPPLEMENTAL DETAIL**


<b>Case Number:</b> UU2000134 <b>Supp:</b> #A2000586	<b>Officer:</b> 3458	<b>Date Entered:</b> 01/22/2020	<b>Date/Time of Orig. Rpt.</b> 01/07/2020 14:41
<b>Incident Adr:</b> 00810 W UNIVERSITY AV X STR LINCOLN URBANA			<b>Title of Report:</b> THEFT
<b>Officer Injured:</b>	<b>Use of Force:</b> N		

## **NARRATIVE**

On the afternoon of Tuesday, 01-21-20, I received a call from ISP Sgt. Windy Westfall regarding this case. Sgt. Westfall requested that the items collected in this incident (specifically the tag from the purse, the sales receipt, and Officer Burnett's body cam video) be turned over to her.

I retrieved the tag from the purse and the body cam video from evidence. I did not locate the sales receipt in evidence, but I was able to find the receipt in Officer Burnett's UPD mailbox. I had an evidence tag made for the sales receipt, which I signed. I then drove all the items to Zone 5 investigations and tendered them to Sgt. Westfall.

I later spoke to Officer Burnett and learned that he had not initially entered the sales receipt into evidence because when he photocopied it to include with the initial report, the photocopy was poorly reproduced and hard to read. Officer Burnett was holding the original sales receipt in his mailbox until he could come up with a solution to that issue, which he had not yet done.

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