

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF: COLUMBIA



POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
VS.

Magisterial District Number: 26-3-03
MDJ Name: Hon. CRAIG LONG
Address: 400 FISHER AVE.
CATAWISSA, PA 17820
Telephone: 570-356-2309

DEFENDANT: (NAME and ADDRESS):
LINDA L. TARLECKI
First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen.
100 SOUTH ERIN LANE
ASHLAND, PA 17921

CCP-100,000 str.
HAG. AUG. 6 2p

NCIC EXTRADITION CODE TYPE

☐ 1-Felony Full ☐ 5-Felony Pend. ☐ C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States Distance:
☒ 2-Felony Ltd. ☐ 6-Felony Pend. Extradition Determ. ☐ D-Misdemeanor No Extradition
☐ 3-Felony Surrounding States ☐ A-Misdemeanor Full ☐ E-Misdemeanor Pending
☐ 4-Felony No Ext. ☐ B-Misdemeanor Limited ☐ F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition Determ.

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Docket Number CR-132-19 Date Filed 07/26/2019 OTN/LiveScan Number U732238-3 Complaint/Incident Number PA2018-40576 Request Lab Services? ☐ YES ☒ NO

GENDER ☐ Male ☒ Female DOB 07/21/62 POB PENNSYLVANIA Add'l DOB Co-Defendant(s) ☐
AKA First Name: Middle Name: Last Name: Gen.

RACE ☒ White ☐ Asian ☐ Black ☐ Native American ☐ Unknown

ETHNICITY ☐ Hispanic ☒ Non-Hispanic ☐ Unknown

HAIR COLOR ☐ GRY (Gray) ☐ RED (Red / Auburn.) ☒ SDY (Sandy) ☐ BLU (Blue) ☐ PLE (Purple) ☐ BRO (Brown)
☐ BLK (Black) ☐ ONG (Orange) ☐ WHI (White) ☐ XXX (Unk. / Bald) ☐ GRN (Green) ☐ PNK (Pink)
☐ BLN (Blonde / Strawberry)

EYE COLOR ☐ BLK (Black) ☒ BLU (Blue) ☐ BRO (Brown) ☐ GRN (Green) ☐ GRY (Gray)
☐ HAZ (Hazel) ☐ MAR (Maroon) ☐ PNK (Pink) ☐ MUL (Multicolored) ☐ XXX (Unknown)

WEIGHT (lbs.)

DNA ☐ YES ☒ NO DNA Location

FBI Number MNU Number Ft. HEIGHT in.

Defendant Fingerprinted ☐ YES ☒ NO 5 07

Fingerprint Classification:

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate #	State	Hazmat	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Comm'l Veh. Ind.	School Veh.	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code	Reg. same as Def.
VIN	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color		<input type="checkbox"/>

Office of the Attorney for the Commonwealth ☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved because:

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. Pa.R.Crim.P. 507.)

(Name of Attorney for Commonwealth - Please Print or Type)

(Signature of Attorney for Commonwealth)

(Date)

I, TPR. FRANCIS MCDONALD
(Name of Affiant - Please Print or Type)

00631999/10445
(PSP/MPD/ETC - Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

of the Pennsylvania State Police, Troop N, Bloomsburg
(Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision)

PAPSP0700
(Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

1. ☒ I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above
☐ I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as
☐ I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname is unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe.

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at:

206
(Subdivision Code)

CONYNGHAM TOWNSHIP BUILDING LOCATED
AT 100 SMITH STREET IN CONYNGHAM
TOWNSHIP
(Place-Political Subdivision)

in COLUMBIA County

19
(County Code)

on or about JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017
(Offense Date)



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Defendant Name	First: LINDA	Middle: L.	Last: TARLECKI

The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically.
(Set forth a *brief* summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) allegedly violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated.

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	1	3921	(a)	of the	Title 18 , PA Crimes Code	1	F2		060/23A
	Offense #	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT did unlawfully take or exercise unlawful control over movable property, namely U.S. currency totaling \$180,828.60, belonging to Conyngham Township, with the intent to deprive the owner thereof, in violation of Section 3921(a) of the PA Crimes Code.

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	2	3925	(a)	of the	Title 18 , PA Crimes Code	1	F2		130/280
	Offense #	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

Receiving Stolen Property

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT did intentionally receive, retain or dispose of movable property, namely U.S. currency totaling \$180,828.60, belonging to Conyngham Township, with no intent to restore it to the owner, knowing that such property was stolen, or believing that it had probably been stolen, in violation of Section 3925(a) of the PA Crimes Code.



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Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 0

<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	Offense # 3	Section 4911	Subsection (a)(2)	of the Title 18, PA Crimes Code	Counts 1	Grade F3	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code 260/90Z
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PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

Tampering with public records or information

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT; with intent to defraud Conyngham Township, did make, present or use any record, document or thing, namely FNB Bank checks from Conyngham Township's Payroll Account and General Fund Accounts, knowing it to be false, and with intent that it be taken as a genuine part of information or records referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903
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Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 0

<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	Offense # 4	Section 4911	Subsection (a)(3)	of the Title 18, PA Crimes Code	Counts 1	Grade F3	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code 260/90Z
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PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

Tampering with public records or information

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT; with intent to defraud Conyngham Township, did intentionally and unlawfully destroy, conceal, remove or otherwise impair the verity or availability of any such record, document or thing.



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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	Offense # 5	Section 4104	Subsection (a)	of the	PA Statute (Title) Title 18 , PA Crimes Code	Counts 1	Grade M1	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code 110/26A
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PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

Tampering With Records or Identification

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT, with knowledge that he had no privilege to do so, did falsify, destroy, remove or conceal a writing or record, or distinguishing mark or brand or other identification, namely, financial documents to include bank statements, ledgers, receipts and invoices relative to day to day operations were removed or destroyed with the intent to deceive or injure or conceal the wrongdoing, in violation of Section 4104 (a) of the PA Crimes Code.

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	Offense # 6	Section 704	Subsection (2)	of the	PA Statute (Title) Title 53 , P.S. 2 nd Class Township	Counts 1	Grade S	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code /
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PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

Township Treasurer's Duties

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT, failed to perform her statutory duties as Treasurer of Conyngham Township in that she intentionally and willfully failed to keep distinct and accurate accounts of all sums received from taxes and other sources.



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Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	7	704	(3)	of the	Title 53 , P.S. 2 nd Class Township	1	S		/
Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code		

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

Township Treasurer's Duties

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, The DEFENDANT, failed to perform her statutory duties as Treasurer of Conyngham Township in that she intentionally and willfully failed to pay out moneys of the Township only on direction of the Board of Supervisors.

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	8	704	(4)	of the	Title 53 , P.S. 2 nd Class Township	1	S		/
Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code		

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

Township Treasurer's Duties

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about the said date, The DEFENDANT, failed to perform her statutory duties as Treasurer of Conyngham Township in that she intentionally and willfully failed to annually state the accounts of the Township and make them available to the Board of Auditors for settlement.



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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	Offense # 9	Section 704	Subsection (5)	of the Title 53 , P.S. 2 nd Class Township	Counts 1	Grade S	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code /
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

Township Treasurer's Duties

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about the said, The DEFENDANT, failed to perform her statutory duties as Treasurer of Conyngham Township in that she intentionally and willfully failed to preserve the account books, papers, documents and other records of the office and turn them over to the successor in office.



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Defendant Name:	First: Linda	Middle: L.	Last: TARLECKI

AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

Your affiant is a member of the Pennsylvania State Police currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit at the Troop N, Bloomsburg Station. I have been a member of the Pennsylvania State Police since June 2006 and a Criminal Investigator since October 2013.

The defendant, Linda Tarlecki, was employed with the Township of Conyngham in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, as their Secretary and Treasurer, as well as, an elected Township Supervisor. She had been employed in these capacities since approximately 2006. Tarlecki's responsibilities at the township were to manage day to day functions, effectively organize and minute meetings, maintain records to include paying creditors and completing payroll for township employees.

In November 2017, John McGee and Martin Wolfe were elected to the Conyngham Township Board of Supervisors as the results of the General Election. On January 1, 2018, McGee and Wolfe officially took over office.

Once the newly appointed supervisors began their term they were unable to locate financial records within the township's computers or building. They were unable to account for financial documents to include; bank statements, ledgers, receipts or invoices relative to the day to day operations of the township.

Conyngham Township Supervisors obtained banking records from FNB Bank. After reviewing the bank statements, they discovered many improprieties that brought concern within both the General Fund Account and Payroll Account. The banking records were turned over to the state police for further investigation.

After reviewing the banking records from FNB Bank, it was discovered that in 2013, Tarlecki wrote nine (9) unauthorized checks to herself from the Payroll Account totaling \$7,365.53 and forty-nine (49) unauthorized checks to herself from the General Fund Account totaling \$13,710.51.

In 2014, it was discovered that Tarlecki had written herself twenty-one (21) unauthorized checks from the Payroll Account totaling \$16,699.30 and twenty-three (23) unauthorized checks to herself from the General Fund Account totaling \$5,264.93.

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I, TPR. FRANCIS MCDONALD, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO THE LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS FILING COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CASE RECORDS PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PENNSYLVANIA THAT REQUIRE FILING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS DIFFERENTLY THAN NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS.

TPR. FRANCIS MCDONALD 10445

(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this 26th day of July 2019
7-26-19 Date _____, Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January, 2024





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AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION PAGE**

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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION

In 2015, Tarlecki wrote thirty-six (36) unauthorized checks to herself from the Payroll Account totaling \$30,954.10 and nineteen (19) unauthorized checks to herself from the General Fund Account totaling \$5,238.29.

In 2016, it was discovered Tarlecki had written herself nineteen (19) unauthorized checks from the Payroll Account totaling \$19,735.98 and twenty-eight (28) unauthorized checks to herself from the General Fund Account totaling \$18,867.08.

In 2017, Tarlecki wrote eighteen (18) unauthorized checks to herself from the Payroll Account totaling \$10,984.36 and sixty-nine (69) unauthorized checks to herself from the General Fund Account totaling \$52,008.62.

This information was uncovered after reviewing the financial statements to include cashed checks from both the Payroll Account and General Account provided by the township supervisors after they obtained them from FNB Bank. From the 2013 – 2017, Tarlecki had issued herself fraudulent checks from both the Payroll Account and General Account totaling **\$180,828.60**.

In addition, Conyngham Township also incurred penalties for late fees/non-payments totaling \$18,562.32 from January 2013 through December 2017 by the Internal Revenue Service.

I verify the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and respectfully request that a warrant be issued for the defendant, Linda Tarlecki.

TPR F. M. [Signature] 10445

(Signature of Affiant)