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CAROL SNYDER OF GREEN LANE CHARGED WITH STEALING MORE THAN \$600,000 FROM HER EMPLOYER



CAROL SNYDER

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 29, 2019)—Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Hatfield Township Police Chief William J. Tierney announce the arrest of Carol Snyder, 58, of Green Lane, Pa., on felony charges of Theft by Unlawful Taking, Receiving Stolen Property, Failing to Make Required Dispositions, Dealing in the Proceeds of Unlawful Activity, Forgery and related charges for stealing \$617,147 from her employer, Hardy Machine, LLC, in Hatfield Township.

William Hardy, owner of Hardy Machine, was alerted to the potential thefts when the issuer of a company credit card called the company to say its payment was overdue, a credit card Hardy believed to have been inactive for several years. Further investigation regarding that account and other business records found additional unauthorized and non-business-related purchases by the Snyder, who was the office administrator. The defendant, a 20-year employee of the company, was solely

responsible for payroll, accounts receivable/payable, balancing the books, and the entire management of the company's finances.

The investigation by Hatfield Township Police found that there were a total of 1,758 unauthorized and non-business-related purchases made by the defendant dating from 2012 through Aug. 9, 2019. Records indicate that Snyder made credit card purchases and wrote unauthorized checks related to wedding vendors for two of her daughters, insurance companies, utility companies and other entities. Additionally, the investigation found that 24 checks included forged signatures of Hardy.

"Unfortunately, this is another example of misplaced trust. Actions like the defendants are all too prevalent in our county, and her arrest is a reminder of the need for all sizes of companies to have checks and balances in place," said Steele.

Snyder was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Edward Levine, who set bail at \$200,000. She was unable to post bail and was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11:45 a.m., Nov. 5, 2019, in front of Judge Levine.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Vanessa Konoval of the Economic Crimes Unit.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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