

- He asked Det. Guillory what she was gone through and she told him that it was items taken from the search warrant.
- He never seen any of that evidence after that.
- When he turns in evidence he usually turns in a submittal and gets them to sign a receipt.
- When money is involved he always makes a receipt and takes photos.
- He learned about the items being missing the day after Det. Guillory was placed on suspension.
- When they started going over Det. Guillory's cases they found a lot of evidence that should have been turned in to evidence that was still at her desk.
- He worked with Det. Guillory at the Police Dept. in Jennings.
- He knows that one of the older daughters use drugs.
- Det. Guillory's kids are always calling for something.
- She has like 10 kids and they all depend on her.
- Det. Guillory had very poor work habits.
- She was always in a financial bind.
- He and Deputy Gary passed in front of Det. Guillory's house this morning and seen she just had landscaping work done on her yard. Can't understand that when she's always looking for money.
- There are items that come up missing in the office since Paula started working for the SO.
- He and Detective Miller's camera's came up missing and Det. Miller had a car stereo that came up missing also.
- He explained to me that in their office there are five doors that lead into each other office and all doors have the same lock.

Statement was provided by Detective Armfield and is attached to report. The interview was also video- taped. The DVD is placed into evidence.

**07-09-09 @ 1410 hrs. Criminal Investigations Division -Interview with Derrick Miller 329-5250/821-2106**

On 07-09-09, I meet with Detective Miller in the interview room of the Vermilion Parish Criminal Investigations Division. I advised Detective Miller that this interview is being recorded and Det. Miller did not have a problem with that. Det. Miller advised the following:

- He has been with JDSO for about 14 months.
- He started as a Detective.
- He worked with Jennings P/D prior to going to the SO.
- He was a Detective for 3 years with Jennings PD.
- He did not get to the residence off of McKinley St., until they were complete with the search warrant.
- He seen Paula Guillory and Jason Chretien taking evidence out of the residence.
- If he remembers correctly the evidence was placed Chief Chretien's vehicle and possibly Paula's vehicle.
- Also at the search warrant was Det. Chad Romero, Det. Mandy Bertrand, Trooper Jared Dobbson and he believes that patrol deputy was Andrew Benoit.
- He did not know what was inside the evidence bags.
- He transported Jeanette Leblanc to CID.

- Also involved was Det. Paula Guillory, Det. Derrick Miller, Chief Jason Chretien, Terry Guillory JDSO, Trooper Jay Dobbson, and Ramby CPSO. There was also patrol Deputies that were present but he does not recall who they were.
- The search warrant was in reference to several burglaries and thefts and narcotics.
- Found during the search were numerous pills, \$3500.00 to \$3700.00 cash, old coin collections and jewelry.
- There was also drug paraphernalia located at the residence.
- The money and the pills were found in a deep freezer.
- Once the search warrant was complete all the evidence was turned over the Det. Guillory.
- He then got a ride from one of the patrolman to CID and he went home.
- When he got to work the next morning the door to Det. Guillory's office was locked.
- He unlocked the door and when he entered her office he saw all the evidence from the search warrant lying on her desk.
- Det. Guillory was not there at that time.
- He then went into his office.
- Later that day he told Det. Guillory that she needed to turn that money into evidence.
- Later that day he noticed all of the evidence from Det. Guillory's Office was gone.
- Days later he saw Det. Guillory in the interview room bagging all the evidence from the search warrant and other evidence she recovered in reference to the burglaries and thefts.
- Det. Guillory was in and out of the interview room leaving the evidence unsecured.
- The next time he seen the evidence was the day before Chief Chretien told him about the money being missing.
- The day Det. Guillory turned in the evidence she asked him how to do the evidence submittal, if it all went on one submittal or all different ones. He told her to do it all on one.
- When they learned about the money missing he helped them search all over the office but never found anything.
- Det. Guillory has a filing cabinet in her office that locked; she could have easily placed the evidence into her filing cabinet.
- He's been knowing Det. Guillory for a long time.
- He does not trust her because there is information that leaked and knows it came from her.
- Her children are known to do drugs.
- They've caught her in a bunch of lies.
- She's tried to get him in trouble a couple times about some rape cases that he investigated.
- Bill collectors call at the office all the time for her.
- Her electricity gets cut off every now and then.
- Prior to her being hired they never had anything come up missing from the office.
- Since she's there they have two cameras that came up missing.
- She is always talking about how she has to pay her kids bills.
- All of her cases are being reassigned because she never did anything with them.

Detective Romero provided me with a statement. Statement attached to report. The DVD from the interview is turned into evidence.

I then went back into the interview room and advised Attorney Tizzard and Det. Guillory that they were free to leave.

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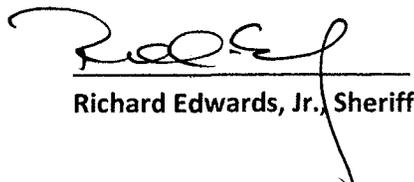
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**Tuesday, August 11, 2009**

On Tuesday, July 7, 2009, I suspended Deputy Paula Guillory. Reason for suspension was for evidence not properly handled and turned in and missing approx \$3,500 in cash. I asked for an independent internal investigation and asked the Vermillion Parish Sheriff's Office to handle the investigation. Since that time, the investigation has revealed Deputy Paula Guillory has not timely turned in reports and other evidence. Vermillion Parish Detectives are continuing to investigate the evidence. Effective this morning, Tuesday, August 11, 2009, giving the circumstances, I am terminating Deputy Paula Guillory's employment with this office.



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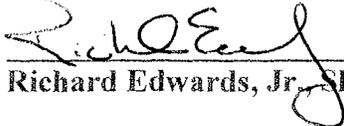
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Thursday, August 13, 2009**

**On Tuesday, July 7, 2009, I suspended Deputy Paula Guillory. The reason for the suspension was for evidence not properly handled and turned in by Guillory. I asked for an independent internal investigation and asked the Vermillion Parish Sheriff's Office to handle the investigation. Since that time, the investigation has revealed Deputy Paula Guillory did not turn in all of her evidence. Vermillion Parish Detectives are continuing to investigate the case. Preliminary findings show that 4 pieces of evidence containing US Currency in the amount of \$3,791 were missing. All of the other evidence including other US Currency was accounted for. Effective Tuesday, August 11, 2009, I have terminated Deputy Paula Guillory's employment and have notified our auditor and prosecutors of the preliminary findings.**

  
Richard Edwards, Jr., Sheriff