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### **County Cashier Pilfers Money from Cash Register DA Recommends No Criminal Charges**



**Milwaukee, WI – In December, the Sheriff's Office received notification that a Process Unit's cash register was showing shortages from money taken in. Sheriff David A. Clarke ordered detectives to investigate.**

**The investigation pointed to Damond Watts, age 38, of Milwaukee, who confessed to stealing approximately \$1000 over a period of time. Watts was employed by Milwaukee County since August 2012.**

**The Sheriff's Office sought misdemeanor charges of Theft with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office.**

**Last week, Assistant District Attorney Michael Lonski did not issue a criminal charge and is recommending that it be handled as a Deferred Prosecution case. A deferred prosecution means, for example, that there is a stipulation that if Watt engages in no further criminal conduct, no charge will be issued.**

**"A deferred prosecution normalizes criminal behavior and removes accountability. This encourages other people in a similar position that it might be worth the risk," said Clarke.**

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