

**GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
REGION 1
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

01-0191-14-20

On Monday, March 9, 2020, at approximately 11:45 am, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES was located at the Gordon County Sheriff's Office. S/A JONES was at this location to obtain a briefing from MAJOR PAT BEDFORD regarding the theft of bond money. During the briefing, essentially the following information was obtained.

MAJ BEDFORD was contacted by CAPTAIN MIKE GARIGAN on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, regarding missing cash at the Gordon County Sheriff's Office Jail. SERGEANT STEVEN COCHRAN had been contacted by the Gordon County Probate Court on February 28, 2020 regarding a cash bond for \$1,020.00 and paperwork that was associated with arrestee ERIN LEGATE. The bond had been paid on January 1, 2020. ERIN'S file was reviewed and the proper paperwork was in the file. SGT COCHRAN notified SERGEANT JONATHON LOVINS of the issue regarding the bond.

SGT COCHRAN and SGT LOVINS proceeded to the jail sergeant's office where the bond receipt book is kept. SGT LOVINS made the comment that he remembered the name, ERIN LEGATE and that he had taken the cash bond from the jail. The cash bond was placed in a drawer at SGT LOVINS residence.

SGT LOVINS later told LIEUTENANT JOHN VICK that his wife had found the cash bond and paperwork in the laundry once it had been washed. The cash bond and paperwork had been laid out to dry. SGT LOVINS had gone to his residence on February 28, 2020 to retrieve the cash bond and paperwork. SGT LOVINS was confronted with the fact that the cash bond and paperwork did not appear to have

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been wet. SGT LOVINS recanted and stated his wife had found the cash bond and paperwork prior to them being washed.

Jail administration is in the process of reviewing bonds and bond paperwork. There are a total of four other incidents uncovered that involve SGT LOVINS and cash at the jail. MAJ BEDFORD provided S/A JONES with Internal Reports regarding the incidents. Copies of the reports are attached to this investigative summary.

The other incidents involved the following information.

(1.) A cash bond in the amount of \$1,045.00 missing. The bond was posted on behalf of inmate ESMERALDA DE LA CRUZ TONIS for the Probate Court of Gordon County.

(2.) A cash bond in the amount \$1,145.00 missing. The bond was posted on behalf of SANTORIA FRASIER for the City of Fairmount.

(3.) \$100.00 was missing from a cash bond. At the time of discovery, SGT LOVINS personally paid the \$100.00 shortage and stated that it was his responsibility.

(4.) \$300.00 missing from an inmate cash deposit. This shortage was noticed on June 28, 2019.

S/A JONES asked how long SGT LOVINS would have had access to inmate money and cash bonds. SGT LOVINS was hired in January 2017; however, he would not have had access to the money until he was promoted to Officer in Charge (OIC). SGT LOVINS had been promoted to OIC on October 15, 2017. This would have

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allowed SGT LOVINS partial access to the money when the sergeant wasn't available. SGT LOVINS was later promoted to sergeant on March 19, 2018. Once making sergeant, SGT LOVINS would have full access to the jail money.

S/A JONES asked MAJ BEDFORD to explain the process for the collection of money at the jail. Once an inmate is booked a file is created. Copies of their paperwork, citations, and receipts are placed in the file. Copies of the paperwork and money are placed in an envelope, logged into a ledger, and then placed in a safe. The safe is located in the jail sergeant's office. Only certain jail supervisors have access to the safe.

The jail lieutenant, or captain, removes the envelopes at a later date. The paperwork and money are disbursed to the proper courts. This is tracked by the jail lieutenant.

S/A JONES asked if there was video in the jail sergeant's office. MAJ BEDFORD advised, no.

S/A JONES was provided with SGT LOVINS' promotion paperwork. S/A JONES was also provided with SGT LOVINS' Jailer Oath of Office. A copy of the paperwork is attached to this investigative summary.

MAJ BEDFORD was asked if SGT LOVINS had any off duty employment. SGT LOVINS works for G&W Properties and Wanda Browder Construction. S/A JONES was provided with a Gordon County Sheriff's Office Secondary Employment Request Form. A copy of the form is attached to this investigative summary. The form was dated August 9, 2019. The form also notes that both businesses are owned by SGT LOVINS family members.

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S/A JONES asked MAJ BEDFORD if there was anything else he has observed regarding SGT LOVINS that was out of place. SGT LOVINS was scheduled to go to basic mandate training at the end of 2019. On November 11, 2019, SGT LOVINS submitted a letter withdrawing from the training. The withdrawal was noted for personal issues. A copy of the withdrawal letter is attached to this investigative summary. MAJ BEDFORD advised that this is strange because becoming mandated allows a jailer to advance their career at the sheriff's office.

At that time the briefing with MAJOR PAT BEDFORD was concluded.

ATTACHMENTS

- OTHER Gordon SO: Internal report: Briefing [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER #1: Erin Legate [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER #2: Esmeralda De La Cruz Tonis [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER #3: Santoria Frasier [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER #4: Sgt. Lovins \$100 payback [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER #5: Missing \$300 [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OATH OF OFFICE Gordon County Jailer: Jonathon Lovins [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER Promotional paperwork [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER Secondary employment paperwork [\(Attachments\)](#)
- OTHER Mandate withdrawal letter [\(Attachments\)](#)

CONTACT INFO:

BEDFORD, PAT (MAJOR)
EMPLOYER:
GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
2700 US HWY 41 NW
CALHOUN, GA 30701

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/9/2020
aj: 3/12/2020

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On Monday, March 10, 2020, at approximately 10:30 am, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES obtained a subpoena for the Gordon County Human Resources Office. A copy of the subpoena is attached to this investigative summary. The subpoena is to obtain all banking information, to include name of financial institution and account numbers, associated with JONATHON LOVINS.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

SUBPOENA Gordon County HR

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ID DATA:

LOVINS, JONATHON

DOB: [REDACTED]/1989

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

[REDACTED]
CALHOUN, GA 30701

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES
[REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/10/2020

aj: 3/10/2020

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On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at approximately 1:19 pm, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES was located at the Gordon County Human Resource Office in Calhoun, Georgia. S/A JONES hand delivered a subpoena to PEGGY SMITH. The subpoena was in regards to the direct deposit account information of JONATHON LOVINS.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/18/2020

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On Friday, March 13, 2020, at approximately 3:04 pm, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES was located at the Gordon County Sheriff's Office. S/A JONES was at this location to receive a case update from MAJOR PAT BEDFORD regarding the theft of bond money. S/A JONES observed essentially the following facts and circumstances.

MAJ BEDFORD located three more cash bonds that were missing. The cash bonds were related to the following cases.

(1.) A cash bond in the amount of \$1,000.00 missing. The bond was posted on behalf of THOMAS WEST for the Gordon County Superior Court for the date of August 1, 2019.

(2.) A cash bond in the amount of \$1,345.00 missing. The bond was posted on behalf of VERONICA BARBER for Resaca City Court for the date of September 16, 2019.

(3.) A cash bond in the amount of \$1,500.00 missing. The bond was posted on behalf of YENIA GUEVARA for the Gordon County Superior Court for the date June 19, 2019.

MAJ BEDFORD provided internal reports for each case along with MAJ BEDFORD'S summary for locating the thefts. Copies of the reports are attached to this investigative summary.

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At that time the case update with MAJOR PAT BEDFORD was concluded.

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OTHER Maj Pat Bedfords briefing

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OTHER Thomas West

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OTHER Veronica Barber

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OTHER Yenya Guvara

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CONTACT INFO:

BEDFORD, PAT (MAJOR)

EMPLOYER:

GORDON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2700 US HWY 41 NW

CALHOUN, GA 30701

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/13/2020

aj: 4/18/2020

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On Monday, March 16, 2020, at approximately 11:08 am, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES received subpoena compliance from the Gordon County Human Resources Office. The compliance contained the direct deposit banking information of JONATHON LOVINS. A business records certification was also provided. Copies of the documents are attached to this investigative summary.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

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SUBPOENA RESULTS

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OTHER Business records certification

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ID DATA:

LOVINS, JONATHON

DOB: [REDACTED]/1989

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

[REDACTED]
CALHOUN, GA 30701

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

CELLULAR: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/16/2020

aj: 3/16/2020

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On Thursday, March 19, 2020, at approximately 9:12 am, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES was located at the Gordon County Superior Court. S/A JONES was at this location to obtain a search warrant for 217 Blackwood Ct. SE, Calhoun, Georgia regarding the theft of bond money from the Gordon County Sheriff's Office. S/A JONES' search warrant was signed by Superior Court JUDGE SUZANNE SMITH. A copy of the signed affidavit and search warrant are attached to this investigative summary.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

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SEARCH WARRANT

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ID DATA:

LOVINS, JONATHON

DOB: [REDACTED]/1989

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CALHOUN, GA 30701

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

CELLULAR: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/19/2020

aj: 3/23/2020

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On Friday, March 20, 2020, at approximately 8:37 am, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Calhoun Regional Office, executed a search warrant at 217 Blackwood Ct. SE, Calhoun, Georgia. The search warrant was in regards to the theft of bond money and bond paperwork from the Gordon County Sheriff's Office Jail. Essentially the following information was obtained.

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES audio recorded the initial contact while the search warrant was being executed. A copy of the audio recording is attached to this investigative summary. Once the scene was secured the audio recorder was deactivated.

Digital photographs of the residence were taken by SPECIAL AGENT GHEE WILSON. The digital photographs are attached to this investigative summary.

S/A JONES notes that nothing of evidentiary value was located or collected during the search. However, bank statements with overdraft notices were observed. A copy of the search warrant was left with CHELCY LOVINS.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

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AUDIO

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PHOTOGRAPH (130) photographs

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SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/20/2020

aj: 3/20/2020

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On Friday, March 20, 2020, at approximately 8:49 am, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES was located at 217 Blackwood Ct. SE, Calhoun, Georgia. S/A JONES was at this location to conduct an interview with CHELCY LOVINS regarding the theft of bond money from the Gordon County Sheriff's Office Jail. The interview was audio recorded and the recording is attached to this investigative summary. During the interview, essentially the following information was obtained.

CHELCY is the wife of Gordon County Sheriff's Office SERGEANT JONATHON LOVINS. CHELCY and JONATHON have lived at 217 Blackwood Ct. SE for approximately two and a half years. The residence belongs to CHELCY'S grandmother, WANDA BROWDER.

S/A JONES advised CHELCY that an investigation was being conducted into the theft of bond money from the Gordon County Sheriff's Office Jail by JONATHON. JONATHON told CHELCY that he had been suspended from work for slapping an inmate that spit on him.

CHELCY was asked if she has ever observed any bond paperwork or other jail paperwork that was brought home by JONATHON. CHELCY stated, no.

S/A JONES told CHELCY that JONATHON had stated that he had accidentally put an envelope containing bond money in his pocket. Once at home, the pants were washed and the bond envelope was found by CHELCY. CHELCY stated that she does the laundry and checks all of the pockets prior to washing. CHELCY denied

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finding any paperwork before or after washing the laundry.

CHELKY was asked if she had seen JONATHON with any cash that couldn't be explained. CHELCY stated, no. CHELCY explained that JONATHON was terrible with money. CHELCY recently had JONATHON change his direct deposit payment from the sheriff's office to a joint account so she could manage the money.

At that time the interview with CHELCY LOVINS was concluded.

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AUDIO

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ID DATA:

LOVINS, CHELCY OWEN

DOB: [REDACTED] 1992

SEX/RACE: FEMALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CALHOUN, GORDON COUNTY, GA 30701

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

CELLULAR: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/20/2020

aj: 3/20/2020

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On Friday, March 20, 2020, at approximately 9:25 am, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES was located at 217 Blackwood Ct. SE, Calhoun, Georgia. S/A JONES was at this location to conduct an interview with JONATHON LOVINS regarding the theft of bond money from the Gordon County Sheriff's Office Jail. The interview was audio recorded and the recording is attached to this investigative summary. During the interview, essentially the following information was obtained.

JONATHON stated he has taken envelopes containing bond money from the Gordon County Sheriff's Office four times. JONATHON would put the envelope in his pocket, take it home, and use the money to pay bills. JONATHON would then return the envelope to the jail and enter a late entry into the log book.

JONATHON only kept the bond money on three of the four incidents. JONATHON explained that the fourth incident was truly an accident and he didn't keep the money.

S/A JONES asked JONATHON to provide any dates and names regarding the bond he took. JONATHON could only provide vague information for the following three bonds.

(1.) January 2020: JONATHON explained that this was the bond that the Probate Court called about and he retrieved from his residence. The bond amount was over \$1,000.00. JONATHON stated he had only used \$500.00 to pay his truck payment and then replaced the \$500.00 once he got paid.

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(2.) December 2019: The bond amount was estimated at over \$1,000.00.

(3.) 2019: JONATHON was not sure of the month or the amount.

JONATHON denied taking any inmate money or commissary money.

At that time the interview with JONATHON LOVINS was concluded.

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ID DATA:

LOVINS, JONATHON

DOB: [REDACTED] 1989

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CALHOUN, GA 30701

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

CELLULAR: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/20/2020

aj: 3/20/2020

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On Monday, March 23, 2020, at approximately 2:11 pm, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES was located at the Gordon County Courthouse to provide a search warrant return to Superior Court JUDGE SUZANNE SMITH. The search warrant return was in regards to JONATHON LOVINS' residence of 217 Blackwood Ct. SE, Calhoun, Georgia. A copy of the search warrant return is attached to this investigative summary.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

SEARCH WARRANT

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ID DATA:

LOVINS, JONATHON

DOB: [REDACTED]/1989

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CALHOUN, GA 30701

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

CELLULAR: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/23/2020

aj: 3/23/2020

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On Monday, March 23, 2020, at approximately 2:30 pm, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES was located at the Gordon County Courthouse to obtain arrest warrants for JONATHON LOVINS. Copies of the arrest warrants are attached to this investigative summary. The following arrest warrants were signed by Superior Court JUDGE SUZANNE SMITH:

Theft by Taking by Fiduciary (4 counts)

Violation of Oath (1 count)

There is nothing further to report at this time.

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ARREST WARRANT

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ID DATA:

LOVINS, JONATHON

DOB: [REDACTED]/1989

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CALHOUN, GA 30701

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

CELLULAR: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/23/2020

aj: 3/23/2020

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On Monday, March 23, 2020, at approximately 6:52 pm, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES was contacted by the Gordon County Sheriff's Office. S/A JONES was advised that JONATHON LOVINS had turned himself in. S/A JONES was provided with JONATHON'S arrest and booking report. A copy of the arrest and booking report is attached to this investigative summary.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

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ARREST-BOOKING REPORT

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ID DATA:

LOVINS, JONATHON

DOB: [REDACTED]/1989

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CALHOUN, GA 30701

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

CELLULAR: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/23/2020

aj: 3/30/2020

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On Monday, March 30, 2020, at approximately 12:08 pm, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES emailed a letter to Synovus Bank at email address subpoenaesupport@synovus.com. The letter requested the banking information of JONATHON LOVINS from October 14, 2017 to March 4, 2020. The bank letter was sent under the authority of O.C.G.A. 7-1-360. A copy of the bank letter is attached to this investigative summary.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

OTHER Synovus Bank bank letter

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ID DATA:

LOVINS, JONATHON

DOB: [REDACTED]/1989

SEX/RACE: MALE/WHITE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CALHOUN, GA 30701

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

CELLULAR: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/30/2020

aj: 3/30/2020

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On Monday, March 30, 2020, at approximately 12:53 pm, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES received a response from DAVID JENKINS, a compliance officer of Family Savings Credit Union, in regards to a bank letter sent under the authority of O.C.G.A. 7-1-360. S/A JONES observed essentially the following facts and circumstances.

JONATHON LOVINS was never an owner, individually or jointly, of the account specified in the request. JONATHON had attempted to open an account on December 29, 2017 but never finalized the process. S/A JONES notes that the account information that was requested for was obtained from JONATHON'S personnel file at Gordon County Human Resources Division. The account information provided from Gordon County Human Resources had JONATHON'S wife, CHELCY LOVINS' as the account owner. S/A JONES was able to verify that a deposit from Gordon County Government had been deposited into the account.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

ID DATA:

██████████, DAVID

SEX/RACE: MALE/

COUNTRY: UNITED STATES

EMPLOYER:

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SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 3/30/2020

aj: 3/30/2020

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On Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at approximately 5:08 pm, SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES obtained compliance from Synovus Bank regarding the account of JONATHON LOVINS. The documents are attached to this investigative summary.

There is nothing further to report at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

BANK RECORDS Synovus Bank: Jonathon Lovins

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ID DATA:

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SPECIAL AGENT ADAM JONES: 4/14/2020

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