

**Gordon County Sheriff's Office  
Internal Report**

On Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 430pm I met with CAPT M.D. Garigan and LT. J.K. Vick in my office and relayed to me the following information regarding missing cash involving 1 inmate funds deposit and 4 inmate cash bonds.

1. A one thousand twenty dollar (\$ 1020.00) cash bond was "mistakenly" taken home by SGT J.W. Lovins posted by inmate Erin Irene Legate # 47344 on January 1, 2020. The bond was returned on February 28, 2020 after the Court inquired about the cash bond and SGT Lovins realizing he forgot to return the cash bond.
2. A cash bond in the amount of one thousand forty five dollars (\$ 1045.00) missing posted on behalf of inmate Esmeralda De La Cruz Tonis # 47025 for the Probate Court of Gordon County.
3. A cash bond in the amount of one thousand one hundred forty five dollars (\$ 1145.00) missing posted on behalf of inmate Santoria K Frasier # 46923 for the City of Fairmount.
4. One hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) missing from a cash bond. At the time of discovery SGT J.W. Lovins personally paid the \$ 100.00 shortage stating that ultimately it was his responsibility.
5. Three hundred dollars (\$ 300.00) cash missing from an inmate cash deposit discovered on June 28, 2019.

After receiving a brief summary, I directed that the original inmate files and any reports/documents be brought to my office by the end of the work day. The files and reports were brought to me by LT Vick along with a deposit bag containing the original deposit report and cash totaling two thousand two hundred thirty four (\$ 2234.00).

Upon securing the cash deposit in my safe, I contacted C/DEP R.L. Paris and advised him of this information. I will be preparing a separate summary for each incident listed above.



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Commander, Judicial Bureau

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**Re: Jail Missing Cash**

**On Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:10 a.m. I met with Sheriff M.E. Ralston and C/DEP R.L. Paris and briefed them on the known information regarding the issue of the cash missing from the Jail. I will update them later this date after reviewing the initial information.**

**On Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:05 p.m. I contacted C/DEP Paris by telephone updating him on the issue. The investigation is continuing with decision on contacting the GBI to be made the next date. SGT Lovins is to be placed on Administrative Leave with pay pending the outcome of the investigation**

**On Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:10 pm I contacted CAPT M.D. Garigan advising him to contact SGT J.W. Lovins to place him on Administrative Leave.**



**MAJ P.H. Bedford**

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