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**Jim Cook**  
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The former court clerk/magistrate of Level Plains is facing criminal charges related to discrepancies in a city bank account where traffic fines are deposited.

## DOTHAN EAGLE EXCLUSIVE

Marsha Neagley, 59, is charged with first-degree theft of property and use of

office for personal gain.

Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams said Neagley took money she was given as Level Plains clerk/magistrate by residents to pay traffic fines and system," he said.

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the tickets as "not crossed," meaning they were dismissed, and others she just tossed aside.

"She didn't have a filing system. She had a piling system," he said.

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gley's downfall. After people who paid their fines started getting driver's license suspension notices because the tickets had not been recorded as paid, they started complaining to authorities.

A subsequent investigation by the Alabama Depart-

ment of Examiners of Public Accounts uncovered deposit shortages to the town's municipal account and other discrepancies. The department's audit was released Friday.

See **THEFT, 3A**

## Theft

continued from 1A

Neagley, who worked for Level Plains for 20 years, resigned from her job in April. She has since paid the Level Plains Mayor Tyrus

Waters said the city is moving forward in correcting problems outlined in the report.

"We intend to address all matters pointed out, and we intend to do as good business as we can," he said.

Neagley is the third municipal court official Adams has had to prosecute during his tenure as

discrepancies were found in city books.

Adams said public officials who steal often start out with small thefts and eventually work their way up, thinking their peculations will go unpunished.

"They're going to get caught as soon as they're audited or someone complains," he said.

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