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AG ANNOUNCES THEFT CONVICTION, SENTENCING OF FORMER COVINGTON COUNTY VET CLINIC SECRETARY

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced the theft conviction of a Covington County woman for stealing from the Opp Veterinary Hospital while she was employed there as secretary and office manager.

Julie Blair Calhoun, 38, of Opp, pleaded guilty today in Covington County Circuit Court to second-degree theft of property, a class C felony. She was sentenced to five years of probation and ordered to pay full restitution in the amount of \$39,736.

The Attorney General's Office presented the following facts to the Court: Calhoun had been secretary and office manager of the Opp Veterinary Hospital, a private animal hospital. Calhoun stole from her employer by manipulating the computer accounting and transaction records. According to prosecutors, Calhoun stole approximately \$39,736 from the Opp Veterinary Hospital during a period that began in 2005 and lasted until 2007 when she was fired.

Attorney General Strange thanked the Opp Police Department for its work in this case. He also commended Assistant Attorney General Pete Smyczek of his Public Corruption and White Collar Crime Division and Special Agents of the Attorney General's Investigations Division.

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