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**Woman Pled and Sentenced for Theft from St. Albert the Great Church**

*State v. Stacy Bowling, 2015-CR-3394*

**DAYTON, OH (04/11/2016)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Stacy Bowling**, 40, of Dayton, was found guilty and has been sentenced for Grand Theft for stealing money from her employer, a church.

Between July 2014 and October 2015, the defendant stole approximately \$45,000 from St. Albert the Great Catholic Church. The defendant was employed by the church as the cafeteria manager and was in charge of that business account. The defendant wrote checks and made debit card purchases from the church's cafeteria account for her lavish personal use, including limousines, dinners, etc.

Today, the defendant was found guilty as charged on one count of Grand Theft, a 4<sup>th</sup> degree felony and was sentenced to Community Control Sanctions for up to five years. The defendant was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$45,006.72 to Saint Albert the Great Church.

Prosecutor Heck added, "We hope that this defendant is closely and strictly monitored on probation, not terminated early from probation, in order to ensure she does not reoffend and steal from another unsuspecting non-profit. The defendant must be held accountable and repay the entire amount that she stole from this church and its parishioners."

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