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On Friday _____, 19_ I received a phone call from David Jones, saying he was in Tenn. and wouldn't be in to work the next day. Tried to get someone to cover his schedule and couldn't. Went on about my business. Started paperwork as usual. Check everyone out in their areas. Everything was fine. Finished paperwork. Helped Dan Hartley dump trash, back in locked the back door, and pushed button in on door. Mopped floor behind us, so it wouldn't be streaky. Came up to office, got my stuff together, straightened up. Set the alarm, closed office door and Dan + myself left. We punched out at 24:22 that night. When we got outside, Dan's ride was here, he got in the car + left. Pulled off parking lot about 12:30. Everything was organized + locked up when we left. Came back in about 5:45 am. Everything looked normal. Sandy Jones, Lane Taylor + my wife. We all walked in together. When we got to the door, to go in the back we looked on the hot cook table and there was some glass and a knife. I told the 3 employees not to do anything. I opened the office door + there was the \$300 drawer, \$950 bag + the deposit bag cut open. Everything was gone. I told the 3 employees to go sit in the dining room + called 911. I told them who I was + what happened. The only thing I touched was the phone. It took approximately 15 min. for the police to arrive. This all took place between 5:45 am + 6:00 am.

KIDDIE CENTER ONE

To: Sergeant Webb
From: Katy Brown
Subject: Missing money from Acme Kiddie Center

Following are some of the things I remember about the \$212.00 missing from the Acme Kiddie Center.

On Monday, April 28 at sometime between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m., Tom Jones gave me \$212.00 in cash to cover tuition of his child. I wrote out a receipt for the money, gave the original to Mr. Jones, attached the pink copy to the cash, and left the yellow copy in the receipt book.

I collected two tuition checks which I put on Mary Smith's desk from Friday, April 25 and placed them plus the Jones money in an envelope and put the envelope under several papers on Mary's desk.

When Mary arrived at work at about 8:45 p.m. she placed the contents of my envelope plus other checks which arrived that morning into a blue zippered and locked cash bag. The cash bag stayed on Mary's desk throughout the morning while she and I worked at her desk and on the computer until approximately 11:55 a.m. when Mary left the center for lunch and I went into the office to eat lunch. Sometime during mid-morning I was sitting at Mary's desk and talking on the phone when I looked inside the cash bag. At that point **the bag was not locked** and as I looked inside I saw the pink copy of the receipt and an attached paper clip. I **did not see cash attached**, however, assumed it was there since I saw the receipt and clip. There were several other pieces of paper and checks in the bag at that time. I **never saw the bag or the contents again**. Mary has said that before she left for lunch, she put the cash bag into a metal file cabinet under her desk. (**I did not see her putting the bag in the cabinet nor do I know if the cabinet was locked.**)

ACME GENERAL STORE

4-29-96 (Sat.)

I, Susan Smith closed Acme General at 8 pm on 4-27-96. Patty Jones and myself finished checking out people at about 830. At this time, I started taking down the registers. As we arrived at the back door going into the stock room we both heard a noise. I put the registers into the office and closed + locked the office door. At this time we both looked around the store + under the clothes. We saw nothing. She finished cleaning and straightening the store, I was in the back office finishing the bank deposits + counting the drawers down. As I was finishing up Patty sat down at

the break table to wait on me. When I finished I ask Patty if she had ever helped anyone hide the money? She said, "yes a long time ago." So I ask her to help carry the roll change, and she did. We then walked to the office to get my thing when I remember to latch the back door and put the bar up. I then walked down to the breaker box + cut off the lights. We both then walked to the front of the store. We unlocked the door and we went out. I relocked the door + we went to the bank. Patty went her way and I went home.

4-30-96 (Sunday)

I left my house at 730 am + went to pick up Jane Turner. We went to McDonalds to get a cup of coffee but their computers were down. They said it would be about 30 min. So we went across the street to the Pantry. We both got a cup of coffee and I bought a pack of cigarettes. We went to Acme General where we saw Julie waiting for us Jane, Martie, Lane + myself, then walked into the store. We went to the back room Jane went to put here dress in the bathroom as I was going into the office. This is when I noticed the office was out of order. Drawers were open and papers were all messed up. I then told Jane to come here + we called for Martie to come to the door. Martie went into the office to check + make sure Robert's check book was there. We went out of the office and I noticed that the back door was unlocked. I told both Jane + Martie that that door was locked. We then went to check on the money. Seeing that the rugs were messed up we didn't touch anything. We went to the front of the store to call Robert. He was already on his way to the store. When Robert arrived about 5 after 8 we told him what happened. He then looked it over himself and he called the police officer.

Susan Smith
4-29-96

MISSING MONEY STATEMENT

A Sunday morning started out smooth. I came in at about 7:45 to open. I
B found a note from my mother from the night before that said she left the
C money that I need to open with on the top of the bags. I opened the safe about
D 10:10. Got the money and put it in the register. I closed and set the safe on day
E lock and began to open the store. About 11:45 Mary Smith (owner) came in and
F dropped off some stuff. I went about finishing up my work with dishes. When I
G got some customers 6-7, 13:50 - 13:80. The back door was not closed and
H during me making the sandwiches the safe was opened and most to all money was
I removed. I notice at about 13:85 that the safe had been opened and called the
J owner to see if she had taken the money. She said no and told me to call the police
K and ask the people up front if they had seen anyone in the back room. I never got
L straight answer from them.