

## County woman faces felony charges of credit card fraud and forgery

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A Scott County woman is facing multiple felony charges of forgery and credit card fraud after allegedly stealing her ex-husband's debit card.

Deputy Don Campbell investigated the case, which began on September 3 when the ex-husband said he had received notification from his bank of suspicious activity on his debit card.

The man told the officer that his ex-wife, Pammie L. Wilson, 36, had come to his home on August 28. He said he saw Wilson near his vehicle, where he kept his card. Wilson soon left.

A bank official called the next day, telling him that two transactions were made at a Scottsburg business and one at an Austin business. When Deputy Campbell checked, he learned that the receipts of two Scottsburg transactions had been signed by the woman. Her alleged actions caused the man's account to be overdrawn.

On September 29, the man said a Scottsburg bank called him, telling him that a woman was attempting to cash one of his checks and had even presented his identification. Two checks in all were cashed in this manner, the officer's probable cause affidavit related.

While the investigation was proceeding, Wilson was stopped by an Austin patrolman, Crystal Schapson, on October 18. Ptl. Schapson said Wilson had been driving a Ford Ranger and was observed traveling off Rural Street and onto its grass verge twice. She stopped the vehicle to check on the welfare of the driver.

The driver was identified as Wilson after several false identifications were given by the woman, Ptl. Schapson's probable cause affidavit stated. A check of her driving record indicated a suspension of her license, the document noted.

Charges of driving while suspended, a Class A misdemeanor, and false informing, a Class B misdemeanor, were filed in Scott Superior Court on October 19 because of the incident. On October 20, two charges of Class C felony forgery and two counts of credit card fraud, a Class D felony, were filed in Scott Circuit Court.

Wilson appeared in Superior Court on October 19 and entered a not guilty plea to the misdemeanors. Her bond was set at \$10,000 corporate surety or 10% cash, and her trial was scheduled for January 26, 2010. A public defender was appointed to represent her.

The next day, Wilson was in Circuit Court for an initial hearing on the felony charges. Bond there was set at \$30,000 corporate surety or full cash but was later reduced to allow her to post 10% of the bond.

Her trial date was set for March 1, 2010, and, once again, she will be represented by a public defender in this matter.