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A former employee of a pest control business in Scott County has pleaded not guilty to two counts of Class C felony forgery and one count of Class D felony theft in Scott Circuit Court.

Charges had been filed against Sean D. Brown, 24, Clarksville, on September 25, but he was not taken into custody until Friday, October 5.

According to information learned by Detective Brian Busick of the Indiana State Police, Sellersburg post, Brown had been allowed access to the company's checkbook on one occasion.

Supposedly, the man wrote himself a check for $600 and another for $500, which he then signed using another, authorized employee's name. The second check apparently represented his weekly salary.

As for the $600 check, Brown reportedly told Det. Busick that he made out the check to reimburse himself for gas and chemicals he purchased from a Louisville company for the local firm. The gas money, he said, reimbursed him for gas he had purchased for company vehicles.

Receipts for these purchases could not be produced by Brown, the probable cause affidavit stated. Brown was reportedly not authorized to make chemical purchases for his employer nor did his employer receive the chemicals bought.

At his initial court hearing on Tuesday, October 9, Brown entered a not guilty plea to the charges and was assigned a preliminary trial date of February 25, 2013. Bail was set at $30,000 corporate surety/full cash.