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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
In the General Court of Justice
Superior Court Division
BEAUFORT County

File No. [redacted]

Film No.

State of North Carolina versus

Defendant
LAUREN ASHLEY HOGGARD

Race	Sex	DOB

DATE OF OFFENSE
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

OFFENSE IN VIOLATION OF N.C.G.S
§ 14-92

INDICTMENT
EMBEZZLEMENT
BY LOCAL OFFICER OR EMPLYOEE
Year: 2022

The jurors for the State upon their oath present that on or about the date of offense shown and in the county named above, the defendant named above unlawfully, willfully and feloniously did embezzle and corruptly use and misapply U.S. Currency , property belonging to the Town of Chocowinity, Chocowinity, North Carolina. At the time the defendant held the position of Town Clerk as an employee of that Town and in that capacity had been entrusted with the property described above. The value of the items described above was less than $100,000.00.

Signature of Prosecutor

WITNESSES

☒ Marie Smith, NC SBI

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The witnesses marked "X" were sworn by the undersigned Foreman of the Grand Jury and, after hearing testimony, this bill Was found to be:

☒ A TRUE BILL by twelve or more grand jurors, and I the undersigned Foreman of the Grand Jury, attest the concurrence of twelve or more grand jurors in the Bill of Indictment.

☐ NOT A TRUE BILL

Date
10/26/26

Signature of Grand Jury Foreman

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The jurors for the State upon their oath present that on or about the date of offense shown and in the county named above, the defendant named above unlawfully, willfully and feloniously did embezzle and corruptly use and misapply the credited value of the Town of Chocowinity Utility Department, property belonging to the Town of Chocowinity, Chocowinity, North Carolina. At the time the defendant held the position of Town Clerk as an employee of that Town and in that capacity had been entrusted with the property described above. The value of the items described above was less than $100,000.00.

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