



**MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ROBERT L. CROWDER, SHERIFF**

Arrest Made – Grand Theft

February 8, 2011—Martin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Ben Fennell has arrested Jamie Lou Bruce (W/F, 07-26-41) for grand theft. On February 7, 2011, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Deputy Fennell responded to the Bealls Department Store located at 5803 SE Federal Highway in Stuart regarding the report of a shoplifter in custody.

Deputy Fennell met with the loss prevention personnel who stated that they had observed Bruce conceal items in her handbag and exit the store without paying. During the Deputy's interview with Bruce, she stated that she had left her two dogs in her vehicle. Deputies located her vehicle in the parking lot and went to check the welfare of the dogs at which time they located and inventoried additional stolen merchandise from Bealls.

Bruce told Deputy Fennell that she made several trips to the car with stolen merchandise – including clothing, shoes, jewelry, and home furnishings (a bed comforter). The value of the merchandise stolen from Bealls was calculated at \$2,298.16.

Bruce's husband was contacted and assumed custody of the dogs. Bruce was released from the Martin County Jail after posting bond in the amount of \$7,500. Bruce is a resident of the state of Tennessee.

While conducting an inventory of Bruce's vehicle, items believed to have been stolen from other local merchants were discovered. Deputy Fennell is continuing his investigation regarding those items.

Jamie Lou Bruce
3057 Sheppard Street, Milan, Tennessee 38358
(W/F, 07-26-41) 69 years of age

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