

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Theft from ATMs

June 8, 2011 (MINNEAPOLIS) – The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office is investigating a former bank teller who is accused of stealing money from ATM machines at the Hassan, Minnesota bank where she worked.

The thefts occurred at the First National Bank of Elk River in Hassan. As a result of the Sheriff's Office investigation, 51-year-old Kelly Jo Bistodeau of Albertville has been formally charged by the Hennepin County Attorney with felony Theft by Swindle.

"Financial crimes are very complex investigations with receipts, ledgers, statements, and other financial records that detectives need to examine," said Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek.

According to the Criminal Complaint, a total of \$259,000 was stolen from the ATMs between 1998-2003 and the thefts occurred on multiple occasions while Bistodeau was refilling ATM machines at the bank. After she took money from the ATMs, she used different methods to hide the theft in the bank's records such as making false accounting entries into the general ledger.

The Sheriff's Office continues to investigate this case.

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