

## Ashe DMV Case settled

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Charges against two local DMV representatives were reduced last month in Ashe County District Court.

License contract agent Linda Howell and employee Kim Eastridge of the former West Jefferson Department of Motor Vehicles Office both were convicted of misdemeanor larceny and notary violations. The suspects received fines, probation and community service. The West Jefferson office was closed last year pending the investigation, forcing Ashe drivers to travel to Boone for tag services until the temporary office was set up in Jefferson. County commissioners plan to locate the new tag office at the Ashe County Courthouse.