

## Caldwell Schools Employee Charged

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In late March, the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office received a call from the Caldwell County Education Center in reference to making a report of Embezzlement of school funds. Investigators with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office revealed that Emily Yvonne Hawkins of 2025 Walt Arney Rd. Lenoir was employed as the lead secretary at Collettsville School and there had been questionable purchases made by Hawkins. Hawkins' employment was immediately terminated. The exact amount taken by Hawkins is still being calculated and is estimated to be in excess of \$40,000. Hawkins was arrested and charged with ten (10) counts of Embezzlement by Public Officer or Trustee. Hawkins was taken before the magistrate and given a \$100,000 Secured Bond.