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**Trimble Youth Cheerleading Coach Enters Diversion**

Christa Shutts, 30, of Jacksonville, Ohio, appeared before Judge L. Alan Goldsberry on June 16, 2014, and entered a plea of guilty to a Bill of Information charging Theft, a felony of the fifth degree. Shutts used funds raised by the Trimble Wee Cat's fund for personal expenditures.

Upon agreement of the parties, Shutts entered the Athens County Prosecutor's Diversion Program. Shutts will be required to report to a diversion officer monthly, complete one hundred (100) hours of community service, pay a diversion fee and restitution to the Trimble Wee Cat's fund.

Blackburn stated, "Shutts was granted an opportunity at diversion due to her lack of prior record and her agreement to pay restitution at the dollar amount Athens County Sheriff Detective deemed to be missing, \$4,000.00."

Prosecutor Blackburn worked with the Trimble Township Youth League to have an account established under their 501c3 umbrella for the Wee Cat's funds. If participants have funding requests they should contact the TTYL. Prosecutor Blackburn commented, "A primary reason TTYL was contacted was that Shutts used the TTYL's 501c3 status during fund raising and expenditures even though the Wee Cats are not affiliated with the TTYL."

This case was investigated by the Athens County Sheriff's Office.