

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS**  
**2nd   DIVISION**

**PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

**PLAINTIFF**

**v.**

**CASE NO. 60CV-10-4172**

**SERITA LaRONCE HOLMES**

**DEFENDANT**

**ANSWER**

Comes now Serita LaRonce Holmes, Pro Se, and submits this answer to the Complaint as follows:

1. Defendant, Serita LaRonce Holmes, admits to paragraph 1.
2. Defendant admits to paragraph 2.
3. Defendant admits to paragraph 3.
4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over both parties.
5. On July 21, 2008, Defendant was hired by Pulaski County to fill the position of

Fixed Asset Technician.

6. Defendant admits to paragraph 6. (Exhibit A)
7. Defendant admits to paragraph 7.
8. Defendant admits to paragraph 8.
9. Defendant, admits to paragraph 9
10. Defendant admits to paragraph 10.
11. Defendant admits to paragraph 11.
12. Defendant admits to collecting payments from July 16, 2009 to July 27, 2009,

but denies other allegations and asserts the following:

The Defendant did not hold the funds in her desk. She stored the collected funds in the safe located in the Assistant Comptroller's office. The only time the collected funds were stored in the trunk of Defendant's car was when she had stayed on the auction lot well after business hours, sometimes until as late at 8:30 p.m., and her other obligations made it impossible to return to the county office.

13. Defendant specifically denies paragraph 13, and asserts the following:

There was no policy in place at that time for the handling the online auction payments. Defendant conducted several online auctions and she was not required to submit those funds to the Treasurer's office daily, but at the end of the auction. Until then, the funds were stored in the safe in the Assistant Comptroller's office.

14. Defendant specifically denies paragraph 14, but asserts the following: .

Defendant did inform the Assistant Comptroller that forty dollars (\$40.00) had been stolen from her desk, however the Assistant Comptroller did not report the theft to the Comptroller at that time, nor, to the Defendant's knowledge, to any of the Purchasing department staff. Defendant repaid the funds herself because she was unsure whether the desk had been locked when she left for her break that day, and she took personal responsibility for the incident. Defendant also realized at the time that the locks on her desk were defective, and requested they be repaired.

15. Defendant denies each and every allegation in paragraph 15, and asserts the following:.

Defendant did not store the collected payments in her desk until August 4, 2009. The payments were placed in the safe in the Assistant Comptroller's office. Defendant removed all payments from the safe on August 4, 2009 to begin separating all payments to the correct departments. The Assistant Comptroller requested to have this information by the following day, and since there were several departments involved in the auction, Defendant opted to stay

late to get a head start. Defendant worked late on numerous occasions.

16. Defendant specifically admits paragraph 16, and asserts the following:

Defendant had no reason to tell anyone that she was leaving the funds collected from the auction locked in her desk overnight. The purchasing department staff had already left approximately one hour before, and the Assistant Comptroller left approximately one and one-half hour before. Defendant exercised reasonable care in making sure both the desk and the office were secure before leaving for the night.

17. Defendant specifically denies paragraph 17, and asserts the following:

When Defendant arrived at her office on the morning of August 2, 2009, the Assistant Comptroller and another co-worker walking down the hallway. The door to the Defendant's office had already been opened. Defendant got as far as the door noticed envelopes scattered on the floor and pry marks on all the drawers of her desk. She did not even enter the office, but backed away from the door immediately and went to locate her superior. When she returned with the supervisor, they both discovered that the envelopes on the floor contained the checks that had been collected and the cash was missing. Defendant is unsure how, with the office door already open, that no one else noticed anything amiss, since the envelopes on the floor and the pry marks on the desk were clearly visible from the door. Since Defendant had not completed the reconciliation the night before, she could only estimate the amount of missing cash.

18. Defendant admits paragraph 18.

19. Defendant admits paragraph 19.

20. Defendant admits paragraph 20.

21. Defendant admits paragraph 21.

22. Defendant specifically admits paragraph 22, and asserts the following:

Defendant did have expenses at the time, and still has some of those same expenses today, as does most of the rest of the Country.

23. Defendant specifically denies paragraph 23, and asserts the following:

Defendant was not required to make daily deposits for this or any previous auctions.

24. Defendant specifically denies paragraph 24, and asserts the following:

Defendant's specific intent was to do her job to the best of her ability and as expediently as possible. The only reason Defendant had all the funds in her possession on the evening of August 4, 2009, was in the performance of her job duties of reconciling all funds to the appropriate departments.

25. Defendant specifically denies paragraph 25, and asserts the following:

Defendant's actions were proper. She exercised reasonable care in securing the funds her desk that had more secure locks, to which only the Defendant had the key, and the office door was locked. Someone opened the Defendant's office door with a key, forced the desk drawers open, went through and separated the checks from the cash and took the cash. That person's actions caused the Plaintiff to suffer the loss of the money. That was not the Defendant.

26. Defendant denies paragraph 26, and asserts the following the following:

Defendant's actions were proper. She exercised reasonable care in securing the funds in a desk that had more secure locks, to which only the Defendant had the key, and the office door was locked. Someone opened the Defendant's office door with a key, forced the desk drawers open, went through and separated the checks from the cash and took the cash. That person's actions caused the Plaintiff to suffer the loss of the money. That was not the Defendant, therefore the Defendant is not liable.

27. Defendant specifically denies paragraph 27, and asserts the following:

Defendant maintains that she is a reasonably careful person, and she did what any reasonably careful would have done under the circumstances. She exercised more than ordinary care in securing the funds in per possession. The earlier theft was not from the same drawer, and there were no pry marks on the desk from that theft because the lock was faulty

anyway. After the theft, the Defendant had better locks installed on her desk, and she kept the only keys. The funds were not continually maintained in the desk drawer. On the evening of August 4, 2009, Defendant had the funds in her possession to complete the task of reconciling all the payments to the correct departments. On the morning of August 5, 2009, the Defendant stated to her superior that she (the Defendant) should have just waited until that day to begin the reconciliation, and the superior replied that she had not been aware that the funds were in the safe.

28. Defendant denies each and every allegation in paragraph 28, and asserts the following:

Defendant did keep the funds in the safe. On August 4, 2009, Defendant removed funds from the safe to begin the task of reconciling all the payments to the correct departments. There was no breach of duty on the part of the Defendant. Defendant was attempting to complete her expected duties.

29. Defendant specifically denies the allegation in paragraph 29, and asserts the following:

There was no breach of duty on the part of the Defendant. Defendant was not required to make daily deposits for this or any previous auctions. The previous theft happened in the middle of the day, the Purchasing staff were in the office, and there were no pry marks on the desk from that theft because the lock was faulty. Unless the Defendant has the gift of clairvoyance, there was no way she could have foreseen this theft.

30. Defendant specifically denies paragraph 30, and asserts the following:

There was no breach of duty on the part of the Defendant. Some person opened the Defendant's office door with a key, pried the desk drawers open, went through the payments, separated the checks from the cash and took the cash. That person was not the Defendant.

31. Defendant admits paragraph 31.


32. Defendant specifically denies paragraph 31 and asserts the following:

Defendant was in no way negligent. Defendant exercised more than ordinary care to secure the funds while they were in her possession. There is no way she could have anticipated this theft or done anything more than secure the funds by placing them behind two locked places, one of which was obviously opened with a key (the office). Defendant's desk was also obviously forced open, and not only the drawer where the funds were stored, but all the drawers, which suggests that the thief had to search for the funds.

32. Defendant submits her statement of August 5, 2009, and the incidents that followed. (Exhibit B)

WHEREFORE, Defendant requests that the complaint filed herein be denied, that this cause of action be dismissed, for costs herein expended, and for any and all other proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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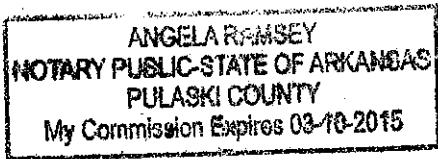
STATE OF ARKANSAS)  
 )  
COUNTY OF PULASKI)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 3rd day of August 2010

Angela Ramsey  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires

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PULASKI COUNTY

GRADE 5

**POSITION TITLE:** FIXED ASSET TECHNICIAN

**DEPARTMENT / DIVISION:** COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

**POSITION REPORTS TO:** ASST. COMPTROLLER

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY / FUNCTION:** Responsible for the maintenance of fixed asset inventory records for all Pulaski County departments in compliance with federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations.

**ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

1. Prepares and maintains to the fixed asset inventory records for all departments; assigns inventory control numbers to appropriate County capital equipment inventory; enters equipment information into the fixed asset tracking system database; maintains and updates the system information as required
2. Deletes obsolete items from inventory and monitors the disposal of deleted items; maintains records of County surplus property in the proper accounts
3. Coordinates the County auction and sales of surplus equipment and supplies
4. Prepares and distributes the annual inventory listing for verification by Elected Officials and Department Directors; adjusts the equipment database after the verification is reconciled
5. Compiles reports of fixed assets for Legislative Auditors and the Purchasing Agent
6. Oversees the moving, storage, and organizing of surplus equipment
7. Conducts quarterly inventory audit for departments as needed
8. Assists County departments in development and implementation of an internal inventory tracking system for assets not included in countywide fixed asset inventory records
9. Conducts training in inventory maintenance procedures for departmental personnel
10. Implements changes to inventory record-keeping system to comply with statutory requirements as directed by supervisor
11. Makes recommendations for procedural changes to improve accuracy of inventory records
12. Identifies appropriate depreciation schedule for all fixed assets; enters descriptions, values, funding, and schedules into fixed asset inventory system
13. Installs periodic software updates provided by the State for computerized inventory system
14. Performs other related duties as required

**NUMBER OF PERSONNEL SUPERVISED:** 0

Exhibit A



**REQUIRED SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND ABILITIES:**

Considerable knowledge of the utilization of computerized inventory control systems

Considerable knowledge of Federal, State, and County legal requirements for government asset and materials management

Good knowledge of the procedures used in calculation of asset depreciation

Ability to maintain complex record keeping systems

Ability to perform mathematical calculations accurately

Ability to prepare numerical and informational reports

Ability to communicate effectively in writing

Skill in the use of a computer

Skill in the use of a calculator

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Ability to lift and carry loads up to 10 pounds

Ability to bend and kneel to apply identification tags to equipment

Visual acuity necessary for use of the computer screen and to review inventory documents

Digital dexterity needed for keyboard and calculator operation

Ability to communicate orally, both individually and to groups

**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

Duties are performed primarily in a smoking restricted office environment. Occasional travel to other County departments is required for capital equipment tagging or inventory auditing

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Completion of high school or GED equivalency with additional computer training; considerable experience with inventory control, property storage, warehousing, or a related field; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required skills, knowledge, and abilities.

# Exhibit B

My name is Serita Holmes, and I am a former employee of Pulaski County. My name has been in the newspaper and on the television repeatedly concerning money that was stolen from my desk. A reporter of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette newspaper has made statements that "she said" this and "she said" that. Not one once has this person interviewed me or asked me one single question. Only one person has ever even bothered to ask me to tell my side of this farce. I have tried to put all this drama behind me and go on with my life, but you people insist on digging at me. So now, lets see if anyone has the balls to print the truth. Or is sensationalism and innuendo the only place you can hang your hat? I'm sure this won't rate front page for you, but I am sending this to enough people that eventually everyone will eventually know the truth.

From July 21, 2008 to August 19, 2009 I was in charge of the online auctions done through GovDeals for Pulaski County. The auctions included cars, trucks, vans, bulldozers, back-hoes, and others types of highway equipment from different departments in the County. I worked diligently for several weeks preparing for these auctions. The first online auction that I managed for Pulaski County was for highway equipment, (i.e. bulldozers, dump trucks, etc.) My efforts made Pulaski County over \$500,000.00 on that auction, before their payment to GovDeals of course. I had been working there for 4 months at the time. So it was evident that I was very good at what I was doing.

On August 4, 2009, Stephanie Creed, who was my supervisor, told me that the next day she wanted to have the payments for all the vehicles that had been received reconciled to the different departments that the vehicles came from (sheriff's depart, road & bridge, coroner's office, etc.). All of the vehicles had been sold, and it was just a matter of separating the funds received

I took all the payments (which were in separate envelopes for each vehicle) from the safe, which was in Stephanie's office, and I started doing the department reconciliation. This was about 4:00 p.m. Stephanie left a short time later, and I continued working until about 5:45 p.m. I had already separated more than half of the payments into the correct departments, so I knew it would not take me very long to finish the rest the following morning. I placed the checks and cash in the bottom left hand drawer of my desk, locked my door, turned the lights out from the hallway and left. Why did I not put it back in the safe? Stephanie was gone and her door was locked.

The following morning, August 5, 2009, when I arrived t work, Stephanie and Jean and others were walking down the hallway. My office door was open, as it was most mornings when I arrived. As I approached the office, Stephanie and Jean walked down the hall.. When I stepped to the door of my office, not even entering the office, I saw my desk had been broken into and envelopes were scattered on the floor. I did not enter the office at all. I immediately backed away from the door and went to look for my supervisor. She was in Jean's office. Stephanie and Jean came back to my office with me and I showed them how I had found it.

Stephanie offered that she had opened my office door when she came in, but had not noticed anything out of place, which I still don't yet understand. I did not even go into the office and I could see the damaged desk and scattered papers from the door. She also stated that when she was going to open Tina's door, directly across from mine, she noticed it was already opened. To be fair, if Stephanie was there before anyone else most mornings and she would always open the doors, so that was nothing unusual. I had files in my office that was used by other people in the office, and so did Tina.

We went into the office, being extremely careful not to touch anything. All the envelopes, which had checks in them, were thrown on the floor. The envelopes with cash were gone. Stephanie asked me how much money was missing and I told her I thought it was close to \$20,000.00. I was told to sit there and not touch anything, though there was no way I would have touched anything anyway. Others in the office went to

check to see if anything had been taken from their offices.

Stephanie went to talk with Bill Hutchenson and Judge Villines. Hutchenson came to the office and shouted questions and obscenities, and when he asked me why I had the payments in my office in the first place, I told him I was doing the department reconciliation, to which he shouted in my face: That is BULLSHIT!" and stormed off. Not once did Stephanie offer that she had told me the day before that she wanted this done. Everyone left me there and went to "discuss" the matter. When Stephanie came back, she told me that Judge Villines said that "Heads are going to roll!" I told her that I just should have waited until that day to start separating the sales, she asked what I meant. I explained that I only took the payments out of the safe because she wanted me to get them separated into the departments and I wanted to get a head start. Of course that was never mentioned either. I asked her if she personally thought I took the money and she said no (to me) but when I asked her if I was going to be fired, and she replied "Most Definitely." So I got a box and started packing my personal things. Stephanie told me not to do anything right then, just continue working as usual and this would be sorted out.

The police were called and everything was dusted for fingerprints. I was questioned, and I offered right then and there to take a lie detector test. I was totally honest with everyone about everything. I did not know at that time I was about to get thrown under the bus by the people I worked with and trusted, and by the people I went to lunch with and took smoke breaks with.

I came to work the following morning to find that I had made the front page of the newspaper. According to the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette, \$20,000.00 "disappeared" from a locked office. And those things said by Hutchensen I consider to be personal insults.

First, the money did not "disappear" from a locked office. It was **STOLEN**. I locked the office when I left, as well as my desk. And conveniently no mention was made of the fact that the locked desk was very obviously **forced open**. The office door was not broken into, which means whoever went in there had a key, and I was not the only person who had a key to that office. At least 10 (ten) other people had keys to that office. And that fact came from Stephanie herself.

Also not mentioned was the fact that this was not the first time my desk had been broken into. Nor was it the second. This was the **THIRD** time money had been taken from my desk. And Stephanie was fully aware of both of the other break-in also. And when she made Hutchensen aware of it on August 5, 2009, Stephanie was severely reprimanded for not telling him about the other two thefts when they actually occurred. Stephanie even showed me the letter of reprimand for Hutchenson. Yet this was also conveniently left out of the police report and the newspaper. The first time, my own money was taken; the second time money from a previous auction was taken, so obviously there was no policy in place prohibiting cash being kept in the office, and this last time money from the current auction was taken. Shouldn't this have been in the police report?

Again the police questioned me. Stephanie, Hutchensen and myself were taken to the police station to give formal statements. I was asked then if I would be willing to take a polygraph test. Again I said I would.

Ms. Woodruff from Channel 16 called me on my personal cell phone that day, and was very surprised to find that I was still working there. She wanted an interview. I told Stephanie that the reporter was coming up, and she told me "**under no circumstances**" was I to talk to the press. She told me it would only make things worse. When Ms. Woodruff and her cameraman came up I was going into Stephanie's office, where she told me to stay until they left. Ms. Woodruff is the only person who has asked me to tell my side, the only person

who has seemed even remotely interested in the truth and not just sensationalism. Had I known then what I know now, I would have been rushing to meet her and telling everything I knew. How much worse could it have gotten than it is now????

That day also, an e-mail of the newspaper article was being circulated to a number of people in the county, including me. I called the person who was sending this e-mail and she told me that I should get it any time and that it was about "Serita". I said "This IS Serita." She had thought that I was someone else. I mentioned this incident to Stephanie and apparently she went to that person's supervisor and the e-mailer was fired that same day for 'violating policy'. She told me they had been told not to discuss anything about the theft, but was not told that they could not email anything about it. She handled being fired much better than I did, because she told me she went to the casino and stayed for a week

I "worked" the rest of that week, and part of the following week; although I cannot say I did any real work because I had no access to anything. The locks had been changed on my door and desk and I could only get in my office if Stephanie was there to let me in. I had no key. I was continually questioned by the police and ostracized by everyone else. I was told to figure out the exact amount that had been taken, but since I no longer had access, that task was assigned to Jean. It turned out that it was not \$20,000.00 after all.

I worked Monday and Tuesday of the following week, I went to my Doctor on Wednesday, Aug.12, 2009, because all the drama and accusations and harassments were starting to affect my health. My Doctor put me on total bed rest for one week, due to return to work on August 19, 2009. During that week I was off, the mud-slinging continued. It was stated that a polygraph test had been scheduled for me on Wednesday, and I **chose** to take off rather than take the test. Another Lie! I had no way of knowing the test had been scheduled, no one told me that. Had I known, I would have gone to the doctor after taking the test. My friends were harassed and I was harassed. Then they started harassing my family. Someone from the county called my daughter's fiance' and told him "I said" all manner of extremely vulgar and very degrading things about him and my daughter.

Anyone who knows me knows that I will open veins (mine or yours) for my children. Harassing my family was a line that should have never been crossed. I was going along with everything and trying to be cooperative until these people started in on my family. They went too far. I can take a lot on my own, but when you target my family, all bets are off. **That was the absolute deal-breaker.** I went back to work on the 19th of August 2009. I refused to cooperate any further with anyone about anything or answer any more questions, and I told Stephanie why. Shortly after 10 am, Hutchensen summoned me to his office and told me that my services were no longer needed. Since Stephanie had already told me that I would 'most definitely' be fired, so why should I cooperate any further? As she escorted me to the door, Stephanie said she did not know that my family had been harassed. She probably didn't. This was the work of some of the other 'fine employees' of Pulaski County.

When I got home I discovered that the box with my personal things in it that I packed the week before had been gone through, and time sheets from June to August had been taken out. I couldn't understand why anyone would do that until I went to get my last check and was told that I did not have one. They refused to give me my last paycheck. I was supposed to be paid for the vacation time I had accrued, and for the time I had already worked in August and my sick time. Margaret in payroll told me I had used all my time up, and she showed me time sheets that had been signed by Stephanie and **NOT** by me. I realized that was the reason my time sheets had been taken out of my box. I may be wrong, but isn't that against the law? However, I have my last pay stub that shows how much vacation time had been accrued. And I did work part of the month of August. Also, Margaret reported to APERS that I had worked 60 hours in August. I have that

signed statement also. Changing my time sheets was low, but guess what? I did have my time documented in other places.

So I presently have a case against Pulaski County at the U.S. Department of Labor, and all of my calendars and notes and times have been turned over to them. Possibly that is why they have started attacking me again. And I want the money that is owed to me. I received a call from someone at the county, (I could speculate, but I really can't say DEFINITELY who it was), but that person said I had already taken the county's money so they could not see paying me for anything else. We will see what the government has to say about that.

Also, when I filed for unemployment, the representative that was handling my claim, said the County was trying to block my unemployment, stating that I had violated policy, and that was why I was fired. When asked for a copy of the policy I had violated, the county could not produce one. So far there have been three different reason stated as to why I was fired. 1. That I refused to take a polygraph test. 2. That I violated policy. 3. That I stole money from Pulaski County. The real reason is that I was the scapegoat.

I did not take any money from Pulaski county. I am not stupid or desperate, and the fact that I am a Christian means that even my conscience would not have allowed me to do anything like that. The police have been watching me constantly, and they know I didn't do it. They even called the dealership where I got my car and asked when did I pay my car off. They were told that I had not paid the car off, that I was actually delinquent. My car has since been repossessed. They have checked with my landlord to see if I had paid my rent ahead and by how many months. I came within 1 day of being served and eviction notice through the prosecuting attorney's office. (I'm sure you county people would have gotten a great big kick out of that, give you something else to talk about). I was not able to pay my rent. I got assistance with my rent and utilities from non-profit agencies. And I thank God that there are food pantries.

I had a lot of respect for Stephanie, and for the other peopled I worked with. Any time there was any kind of discrepancy, or if I had any question about what would be appropriate in a certain situation concerning work, I would discuss it with her because I trusted her judgment. Even though I am older than Stephanie is, I thought she knew me well enough to at least be able to say I don't believe Serita did this. I worked in the cold and rain to prepare the Highway Equipment for auction and show it to the people who wanted to bid on it. I was out in hundred-plus heat for this last auction. I worked on Saturdays and Sundays and did not complain about it because it was a part of my job. When my daughter came home from the hospital for the first time in over a year, I had already made an appointment with the representative from GovDeals to view the vehicles that were to be auctioned, and I kept that appointment, because it was my job. I was good at it, and I always wanted to do my best. **And for my efforts, I got thrown under the bus.**

I started working when I was 14 (fourteen) years old, and I have prided myself in my work ethics and attitude. I have always taken pride in my work, and have always given my best to any employer. I have had 4 fulltime jobs in the past 43 years. For those of you who are whipping your calculators out, that makes me very close to 60 years old. And **never once** has my character or my integrity been impugned such as it has with Pulaski County. I have always maintained a reputation for being honest and forthright. But thanks to Bill Hutchensen the Pulaski County Comptroller and the reporters Arkansas Democrat Gazette, my name has become a question mark.

Almost every day I walk to the Workforce Center on University and back. That's a long walk. I have applied for over 300 jobs for which most I know I am more than qualified. But when this keeps hanging over my head, I have a very slim chance of getting anything. Potential employers read too. One

potential employer called me and stated he was considering me for a position, but wanted to know if I was the same Serita Holmes whose name had been appearing so many times in the newspaper. When I told him I was, he thanked me for my time and hung up. I can guess where my application and resume' went then. It has never taken me more than two weeks to secure any employment. It has been more than a year now, and I have had one real interview. I am still unemployed.

I have been trying to put all this behind me and go on with my life. Since I left that job I have had to struggle a lot, but I am not ashamed. I can still hold my head up because I know I did nothing wrong. I have enough issues in my life that I don't need anything added. I don't bother anyone and I don't do drama.

I don't know what more the County wants from me. You can't hurt me any more than you already have. I know who took your money. You know who took your money. The police know it was not I, and you know it was not I. For you people who said they need to go check my flour canister, or look in my freezer, you watch too damn much television. And, I wood wager that you haven't had an original thought in your heads since the seventies. And since you believe everything you read, now you've read the truth. One of the detectives who questioned me for the umpteenth time told me that I would have to prove to **her** that I did not take the money. I thought this was still America. How do you prove something you didn't do?

I have been questioned, investigated, followed, my phone calls are monitored, my family has been investigated and harassed, my so-called friends have been questioned and investigated. All to no avail. All their investigations proved is that **I did not do it or cause it.**

And now, since there is obviously no criminal case, Pulaski County is bringing a civil suit against me for negligence. I was **not** negligent and I did **not** violate any policy. My name is **NOT** O.J. They have decided if they can't get me one way, they will get me another way. Well, I am tired of trying to defend myself for something I did not do. It is time for me to go on the offensive. It is time for this character assignation and the reputation damaging statements to stop. I can also file lawsuits, point fingers and name names. You people have already given me the ammunition I need, in black and white, on public record. You know who you are, and to name a few of you: Janice, Joyce, Ben, Sharon, Johnny, Margaret, Bill, Doris, Robert, you have all given me ammunition.

For all of you who have made the statements beginning with "Serita said", I have a few other choice words that **you** might want to consider:

**li bel** (li /bel), 1.a written or published statement that is likely to harm the reputation of the person about whom it is made; false or **damaging** statement. 2.write or publish such a statement about 3.act or crime of writing or publishing such a statement. 1,3 n., 2 v.

**li bel er** (li/be ler), person who libels another, *n*

**slan der** (slan/der), 1.a false spoken statement meant to do harm to the good name and reputation of another. 2.talk falsely about. 3.the spreading of false reports 1,3 *n.*, 2v.----slan/der er, *n*.

**fraud** (frod), 1.dishonest dealing; trickery; cheating 2.a dishonest act, statement, etc.; something which is not what it seems to be.

**fraud u lent** (fro/je/lent), 1.cheating, dishonest 2.done by fraud; obtained by trickery

**Deformation of character**

These are some really interesting words, aren't they?