

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
THIRD DIVISION

STATE OF ARKANSAS

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PLAINTIFF

VS.

CASE NO: 23-CR-12-1044

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JACK W. GILLEAN

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DEFENDANT

**DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR CHANGE OF VENUE AND INCORPORATED
MEMORANDUM OF LAW**

Comes now the Defendant, Jack W. Gillean, by and through his counsel, and moves this Court for an order, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 16-88-201, for a change of venue from Faulkner County to Van Buren County within the 20th Judicial District of Arkansas. As grounds for the motion, Defendant states:

I. INTRODUCTION

On October 5, 2012, an arrest warrant was issued for the defendant. The warrant was purportedly issued in conjunction with the filing of a felony information by the Prosecuting Attorney on October 5, 2012. On October 10, 2012, the defendant surrendered to authorities at the Faulkner County Detention Center. This surrender was by agreement after the defendant secured competent counsel to represent him.

Prior to the defendant's surrender on the arrest warrant, the Prosecuting Attorney, Cody Hiland, or one of his deputies/subordinates, released to the press an "affidavit" purportedly containing "facts" providing probable cause to believe that the defendant committed certain criminal offenses. The press, both local and statewide, printed information and excerpts from the "affidavit" as well as numerous statements by the Prosecuting Attorney as to the evidence and strength of his case. Copies of the initial newspaper articles which contain the Affidavit for Warrant of Arrest are attached hereto as Exhibit "A." In addition, the Prosecuting Attorney,



and/or his deputies/subordinates, initiated contact with the television media to run stories on the charges against the defendant. A CD containing a sampling of the television coverage is attached within an envelope marked as Exhibit "B" and attached hereto. The CD also contains online video recounting the same material allegedly contained in the "affidavit" as well as the charges contained in the Information.

The defendant is an attorney and was, at the time of the allegations, Legal Counsel for the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. A cursory review of the newspaper articles and internet/television media coverage establishes that the publicity has been intense and Mr. Gillean has been in the forefront of the news since October 2012. Such coverage includes at least sixty-seven (67) written news articles from the various news media outlets which are in print and on the internet and can easily be accessed at any time via the internet. Please see attached twenty-four (24) articles printed by the Log Cabin Democrat, a local Conway Arkansas news media outlet, concerning their coverage of the Gillean investigation marked as Exhibit "C" and attached hereto. The Log Cabin continues to focus on Mr. Gillean's alleged criminal behavior with Mr. Stark, an admitted thief, and even attempts to connect Mr. Gillean to Adderall abuse by college students in this country.

The Arkansas Democrat Gazette has printed at least thirty-two (32) stories about Mr. Gillean and the current criminal case, many of which feature a picture of him and a front page position, which are marked as Exhibit "D" and hereto attached.

In addition to their television coverage of Gillean, FOX 16, KARK, KTHV and KATV have featured written articles on their websites. These articles are attached as Exhibit "E."

II. APPLICABLE LAW

The 20th Judicial District consists of Faulkner, Van Buren, and Searcy Counties. Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-2801. Ark. Code Ann. §§ 16-88-201 and 16-88-204(a)(1) provide for a change of venue in criminal cases. The statutes state, in pertinent part, as follows:

Any criminal case pending in any circuit court may be removed by the order of the court, or by the judge thereof in vacation, to the circuit court of another county whenever it shall appear, in the manner provided in this subchapter, that the minds of the inhabitants of the county in which the cause is pending are so prejudiced against the defendant that a fair and impartial trial cannot be had in that county. A.C.A. § 16-88-201.

(a)(1) The application of the defendant for an order of removal shall be by petition setting forth the facts on account of which the removal is requested. The truth of the allegations in the petition shall be supported by the affidavits of two (2) credible persons who are qualified electors, actual residents of the county, and not related to the defendant in any way. A.C.A. § 16-88-204(a)(1).

The Arkansas Supreme Court has interpreted the statutes to mean that a change of venue should be granted when it is “clearly shown that a fair trial is not likely to be had in the county.” *Gardner v. State*, 296 Ark. 41, 52, 754 S.W.2d 518, 522 (1988); *Bell v. State*, 324 Ark. 258, 920 S.W.2d 821 (1996). The trial court has wide discretion in deciding whether to grant a change of venue and unless the trial court abuses its discretion, the court’s order is conclusive on appeal. *Swindler v. State*, 264 Ark. 107, 569 S.W.2d 120 (1978); *Wallace v. State*, 2009 Ark. 90, 302 S.W.3d 580 (2009).

Rule 3.8 of the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct provides, in relation to statements by prosecutors to the media, as follows:

(e) except for statements that are necessary to inform the public of the nature and extent of the prosecutor’s action and that serve a

legitimate law enforcement purpose, refrain from making extrajudicial comments that have a substantial likelihood of heightening public condemnation of the accused and exercise reasonable care to prevent investigators, law enforcement personnel, employees or other persons assisting or associated with the prosecutor in a criminal case from making an extrajudicial statement that the prosecutor would be prohibited from making under Rule 3.6 or this rule.

It can be safely said in this case that the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has engaged in a systematic effort to prejudice the defendant in the media and bias the public against him. This calls into question whether the defendant can obtain a fair trial in Faulkner County, Arkansas. A prosecutor's duty is to see that justice is done in every case. But, in this case, the prosecution and law enforcement have done everything they can to see to it that the defendant does not receive a fair trial. For example, the defendant surrendered on the arrest warrant at the Faulkner County Detention Center and alerted authorities that he would immediately post the \$17,500 bond that had been set when the charges were filed. All concerned knew the defendant would be appearing at the detention center with a bondsman and his attorney on the morning of October 10, 2012. Nevertheless, the law enforcement officials, with the knowledge of the Prosecuting Attorney's office, had the defendant put on a gray and white striped detention center uniform over his collared button down shirt for his routine mug shot and made it immediately available on the internet by visiting <http://www.faulknercountybooked.com>. Five minutes after the mug shot was made, the defendant was allowed to remove the gray and white striped uniform. Then, the mug shot was promptly given to local media outlets which aired and printed it. Please see Mr. Gillean's mug shot attached as Exhibit "F."

Moreover, the Prosecuting Attorney has continually quoted from his "affidavit" when contacted by the media, or when the Prosecuting Attorney's office solicited media attention, and the "affidavit" is not part of the court's file. As a matter of fact, while the media has the

“affidavit,” or parts thereof, neither the defendant nor his attorneys had laid eyes on it until counsel was gathering exhibits for this motion and stumbled upon a link to the “affidavit” in an internet media report. To date, the Prosecuting Attorney has not provided the defense with a copy of such.

The prosecution’s interviews with the media and the leaking of an “affidavit” to the media has greatly prejudiced the defendant in the eyes of the public and the prejudice has been the direct result of the Prosecuting Attorney’s office intentionally inviting the publicity in violation of their ethical responsibilities.

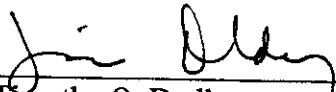
Further, regardless of the Prosecuting Attorney’s role in heightening the media coverage of Jack Gillean, there is little doubt that the media reports concerning Gillean have been unfavorable and extensive. The articles referring to the current criminal case are voluminous and the Faulkner County inhabitants have been inundated with printed and visual media coverage about the pending criminal charges. The result has been predictable. Five affidavits from Faulkner County citizens are attached hereto to demonstrate that the common opinion on the street, from the media reports, is that Jack W. Gillean is guilty of the charges against him. Please see the five affidavits attached marked as Exhibit “G.”

III. CONCLUSION


This Court could practically take judicial notice of the prejudicial nature of the pretrial publicity in this case either generated or facilitated by the prosecution. The only way to cure this obvious prejudice is to grant a change of venue and try this case in Van Buren County, Arkansas.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant prays for an Order of this Court granting his motion and for any and all other just and proper relief to which he may be entitled.

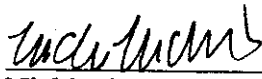
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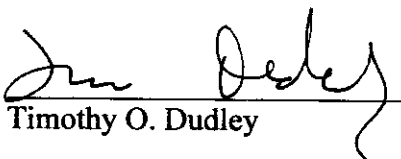
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Timothy O. Dudley, do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the Prosecuting Attorney, Cody Hiland, via hand delivery on this 28th day of February 2013.


Timothy O. Dudley

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James Gillean affidavit (432.2KB)

CONWAY, AR – "I mean it's just insane," UCA student Jake Harrell said.

That's what most students are saying today at UCA, and here's why: according to an affidavit, former UCA Chief of Staff Jack Gillean gave student Cameron Stark keys to university buildings so that Stark could steal exams from his professors.

One more time just so we're clear: prosecutors say UCA's Chief of Staff helped a student break into buildings and cheat.

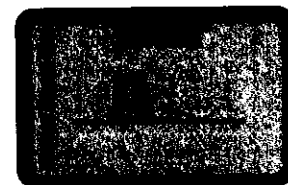
"You have to wonder what else is there to it?" Harrell said. "You know, what else was that student doing to get that in return?"

Good question. Current UCA administrators refused to comment so we asked Prosecuting Attorney Cody Hiland, who filed the charges.

In other words, if we ever find out, it'll be in court. That doesn't make UCA students feel any better though. The vast majority of them, like junior Jacob Partlow, hit the books hard.

"If I get a B and they get an A, it's just not fair because I put in a lot of work and they just, you know, got a key and walked into a room and got their A." Partlow said.

Gillean is also charged with one count of fraudulent insurance acts, which is a felony, and one count of issuing a false financial statement, which is a misdemeanor.



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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
AFFIDAVIT FOR WARRANT OF ARREST**

JACK W. GILLEAN
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Defendant's Address

Case No. _____

Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure, the undersigned Affiant(s) duly sworn deposes and states that he has reason to believe that the above named person has committed the offense(s) engaging in a continuing course of conduct from March 8, 2011 through April 23, 2011 constituting 3 counts of violating A.C.A. § 5-39-201(b)(1) **COMMERCIAL BURGLARY a Class C Felony**, and has committed the offense(s) of violating A.C.A. § 23-66-502 **FRAUDULENT INSURANCE ACTS a Class D Felony** and has committed the offense(s) of violating A.C.A. § 5-37-205(a)(1)(2) **ISSUING A FALSE FINANCIAL STATEMENT a Class A Misdemeanor** in Faulkner County, Arkansas, against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

FACTS CONSTITUTING PROBABLE CAUSE

1. On 06/12/2012 at 5:34 pm Officer Tara Wilder with the University of Central Arkansas Police Dept was dispatched to McCastlain Hall, room 13 in reference to a Theft of Property Report. The complainant, Andrew Linn, an employee of University of Central Arkansas reported that some medication had been removed from his desk drawer.
2. LT. Preston Grumbles with the University Of Central Arkansas Police Department developed Cameron Stark as a suspect after being identified by Mr. Linn in video of the incident. Cameron Stark had been a student worker in the President's Office at the University of Central Arkansas in the Spring of 2011. Cameron Stark was arrested at his home in Conway, Arkansas. While being arrested he stated "the keys are in my front pocket." Upon examination, it was discovered that the keys belonged to the university. Cameron Stark then requested his attorney be present at questioning.
3. Cameron Stark, with counsel present, stated when he was questioned about how he came to be possession the university keys that "Jack gave them to me." Cameron Stark stated that former U.C.A. Chief of Staff Jack Gillean had given him a set of keys in order for Cameron Stark to break into professors offices at the university to steal exams so he could cheat on tests. Cameron Stark stated he had done this approximately 15-20 times.

4. An investigation was initiated and revealed that pursuant to a UCA Key Request Authorization Form Jack Gillean was issued a Best Master Key on May 21, 2008 with the key number 243609. A Best Master Key with the key number 243609 was one of two keys found in Cameron Stark's front pocket on the night he was arrested. The Best Master Key allows the user access to almost any building or office on campus and is issued to the user with the condition that him or her sign an agreement in which the user agrees "not to give possession of said key to any other person, nor cause or allow any copies to be made of said key." Jack Gillean signed this agreement on May 21, 2008, the day the key was issued to him.

5. The investigation revealed that pursuant to a UCA Key Request Authorization Form Jack Gillean was issued a Schlage Key on March 7, 2011 with the key number 140048. A Schlage Key with the key number 140048 was one of two keys found in Cameron Stark's front pocket on the night he was arrested. The Schlage Key number 140048 allows the user access to some of the older offices on campus and, in particular allows the user access to several offices in the Lewis Science Center including room number 167 which in the Spring Semester of 2011 was the office of Dr. Balraj Menon. The key is issued to the user with the condition that him or her sign an agreement in which the user agrees "not to give possession of said key to any other person, nor cause or allow any copies to be made of said key." Jack Gillean failed to sign this agreement when the key was issued.

6. The investigation revealed that a UCA Identification Card number 203922 was issued to Jack Gillean on October 25, 2006. This identification card can be used as a "card swipe" to gain access to Wingo Hall, ADEM Facility and Laney Hall. A Best Master Key is necessary to open the door to a professor's office once inside Laney Hall. An electronic record is kept each time the card is used to access a building on campus. A report was generated containing the number of times identification card number 203922 was used to access buildings on campus. The report revealed that from August 6, 2009 through December 3, 2011 the card was used to gain access 375 times to Wingo Hall and the ADEM Facility. It was used to gain access to the Laney Hall Northeast Entrance five times on the following dates and times:

- February 14, 2011 at 11:30 PM
- March 16, 2011 at 10:30 PM
- March 31, 2011 at 12:59 AM
- May 2, 2011 at 12:11 AM
- May 3, 2011 at 12:19 AM

7. Cameron Stark stated that he had broken into the Lewis Science Center, Laney Hall and Irby Hall on numerous occasions with the Best Master Key, Schlage Key and UCA Identification Card provided him by Jack Gillean and that Jack Gillean knew the purpose for which the keys were being used. Further investigation has uncovered information corroborating Cameron Stark's statement and revealed that the commercial burglaries in question occurred in the Spring

2011 Semester from February 13, 2011 – April 23, 2011. Throughout the Spring 2011 Semester the following buildings and offices were burglarized:

- **Lewis Science Center.** According to University of Central Arkansas records, Cameron Stark was enrolled in BIOL 3402 Cell Biology taught by Dr. Bhupinder Vorha. Dr. Vorha's office is located in the Lewis Science Center room 164 C. A Best Master Key 140048 allows access for both the Lewis Science Center and Dr. Vorha's office. For the time period in question, the Lewis Science Center was broken into using Jack Gillean's Best Master Key. Once inside the building, the same Best Master Key was used to break in to Dr. Vorha's office where the exams were located and were stolen on multiple occasions. On the initial break in of Dr. Vorha's office, Jack Gillean was present with Cameron Stark and personally used his Best Master Key to break into the Lewis Science Center Building and Dr. Vorha's office allowing Cameron Stark access to steal exams. In proceeding burglaries, Cameron Stark would go back to Jack Gillean and be provided the key when needed to break in to the Lewis Science Center and Dr. Vorha's office to steal exams. The theft of the exams did occur and is corroborated by Witness 1 who viewed the exams prior to the exam dates and accompanied Cameron Stark on one occasion to break in and steal the exams from Dr. Vorha's office with the Best Master Key. According to a statement by Dr. Vorha, "no one is authorized to enter my office and log into my computer."
- **Lewis Science Center.** According to University of Central Arkansas records, Cameron Stark was enrolled in PHYS 1420 College Physics 2 taught by Dr. Balraj S. Menon. Dr. Menon's office is located in the Lewis Science Center room 167. A Best Master Key will allow access to the Lewis Science Center and the Schlage Key, with the key number 140048, will allow access to Dr. Balraj S. Menon's office in room 167. For the time period in question, the Lewis Science Center was broken into using Jack Gillean's Best Master Key. Once inside the building, a Schlage Key with the key number 140048 (the exact key issued to Jack Gillean on March 7, 2011 and one of two keys found in Cameron Stark's possession when he was arrested) was used to break into Dr. Menon's office where the exams were located and then stolen. Jack Gillean facilitated the breaking into this office by giving Cameron Stark the Best Master Key and requesting the Schlage Key with the key number 140048 from the UCA Physical Plant and then giving it to Cameron Stark for the purpose of breaking into the buildings and stealing exams. According to a statement by Dr. Menon, "no student has access to my office or computers in my office after hours."

- **Laney Hall.** According to University of Central Arkansas records, Cameron Stark was enrolled in CHEM 3411 Organic Chemistry II taught by Dr. Richard Tarkka. Dr. Tarkka's office is located in Laney Hall in room 203 C. Laney Hall can be accessed using an authorized UCA Identification Card and professor's offices in Laney Hall can be accessed using a Best Master Key. For the time period in question, Jack Gillean gave his UCA Identification Card number 203922 (an identification card unique to Jack Gillean) to Cameron Stark for the purpose of breaking into Laney Hall and the Best Master Key for the purpose of breaking into Dr. Tarkka office and stealing exams. The theft of the exams did occur and is corroborated by Witness 1, Witness 2 and Witness 3 who viewed the Organic Chemistry II exams prior to the exam dates. According to a statement by Dr. Tarkka, "I have not ever authorized any persons, especially students, to have access to my office in Laney Hall." "I do not grant access to my computer to people at any time and have never done so."
- **Irby Hall.** According to University of Central Arkansas records, Cameron Stark was enrolled in HIST 1320 World History II taught by Dr. Carol Carter. Dr. Carter's office is located in Irby Hall in room number 405. Irby Hall can be accessed by a Best Master Key and Dr. Carter's office is accessed by a Best Master Key. For the time period in question, Jack Gillean provided the Best Master Key to Cameron Stark for the purpose of breaking into Irby Hall and Dr. Carter's office. The office was broken into using the Best Master Key for the purpose of stealing exams and the exams were stolen. The theft of the exams did occur and is corroborated by Witness 1 who viewed the Organic Chemistry II exam prior to the exam date. According to a statement by Dr. Carter, "I have given no authorization for anyone to enter my office after hours not to use my computer, nor access my tests prior to the exam."

8. An interview with Witness 1 was conducted. Witness 1 stated he had been provided exams by Cameron Stark for multiple classes in the Spring 2011 semester including Organic Chemistry II, Cell Biology and although he was not enrolled in World History II with Cameron Stark, he had witnessed a World History II exam stolen by Cameron Stark prior to the exam dates. Witness 1 confirmed that Cameron Stark had access to the buildings and offices with the school keys he received from Jack Gillean. Witness 1 stated that a dispute occurred between Cameron Stark and Jack Gillean later in the Spring 2011 Semester and that after that dispute Jack Gillean refused to give Cameron Stark the school keys.

9. An interview with Witness 2 was conducted. Witness 2 stated he had been provided with exams prior to the exam date in Organic Chemistry II by Cameron Stark. Witness 2 confirmed

that Cameron Stark had access to the buildings and offices with the school keys he received from Jack Gillean.

10. An interview with Witness 3 was conducted. Witness 3 stated she had viewed exams prior to the exam date in Organic Chemistry II by Cameron Stark. Witness 3 confirmed that Cameron Stark had access to the buildings and offices with the school keys he received from Jack Gillean.

11. An interview was conducted with Witness 4. Witness 4 met Jack Gillean through an ad on Craigslist, established a domestic partnership that last approximately from January of 2011 through July of 2011. During the course of that relationship and co-habitation, Witness 4 stated it was common practice for Jack Gillean to give school keys to Cameron Stark for the purpose of breaking into professors offices to cheat on exams. Witness 4 stated he personally witnessed Jack Gillean hand Cameron Stark the school keys and also stated he witnessed numerous conversations in which Cameron Stark's actions with the school keys was referenced and that Jack Gillean knew what Cameron Stark was doing with the school keys going so far as to joke with Cameron Stark about studying more often. Witness 4 stated the keys were given to Cameron Stark so often it was "the norm".

12. An interview was conducted with Witness 5. Witness 5 stated that he was made aware by Cameron Stark that he had a master key to the school that he received from Jack Gillean. Witness 5 confronted Jack Gillean about giving Cameron Stark the master key to school and what he was doing with it. Jack Gillean replied "I know. I know."

13. Cameron Stark stated that he was involved in an accident on Irby Drive in Conway Arkansas while driving Jack Gillean's motorcycle. According to Cameron Stark, the accident angered Jack Gillean who then fired him from his position of student worker in the President's office in late April 2011 and terminated their personal relationship. Electronic records corroborate that Cameron Stark received an email from Jack Gillean reflecting the termination of his employment on April 23, 2011.

14. An interview was conducted with Witness 6 who was employed with the University of Central Arkansas in the President's Office and worked with Jack Gillean. Witness 6 indicated that she witnessed an accident in late Spring 2011 on Irby Drive in Conway Arkansas involving Cameron Stark. She recognized him because he was a student worker in the President's Office. She remembers that Cameron Stark looked to have suffered significant injuries as a result of the accident and encouraged him to seek medical attention. She remembers thinking that the motorcycle looked like the motorcycle Jack Gillean drove to work and parked at the university.

15. An interview was conducted with Progressive Group of Insurance Companies related to a Property/Casualty Claim number 0120111315970 on policy number 43627680000 filed by the insured Jack Gillean. The claim was concerning a motorcycle accident that occurred – according to the insured Jack Gillean – on April 10, 2011. Information obtained in the course of that interview revealed that Jack Gillean had reported to them that he had been riding his motorcycle – not Cameron Stark – and had been involved in an accident on Irby Drive in Conway, Arkansas and desired to make a claim for insurance to cover the cost of replacing the 2009 Kawasaki EX650 motorcycle. The company settled the matter for \$4,631.00.

16. Cameron Stark referenced knowledge of falsified information on the part of Jack Gillean in the course of obtaining a 2011 Ford Mustang for Witness Number 4. A subpoena was issued July 24, 2012 to an automotive dealer in Conway Arkansas calling for “all records and information regarding the financing or purchase of a Ford Mustang in 2011 by “Witness Number 4”. Those records revealed an application for credit by Jack Gillean and Witness Number 4 in which Jack Gillean was listed as Chief of Staff for the University of Central Arkansas and Witness Number 4 was fraudulently listed as the Assistant Chief of Staff for the University of Central Arkansas with a salary of \$2,500.00 monthly in order to secure the credit for the automobile. The application was signed by both Jack Gillean and Witness Number 4.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of October, 2012

BUSAN GARRETT MILLS
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FALLKNER COUNTY
My Commission Expires 08-24-2020
Commission # 12377225

BY: *Susan B. Mills*
NOTARY/DEPUTY CLERK

I hereby find that this sworn affidavit demonstrates reasonable and probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Arrest for the above named Defendant, for the above stated offenses.

DISTRICT/CIRCUIT JUDGE

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UPDATE: Days after an arrest warrant was issued for Jack Gillean, the former chief of staff at the University of Central Arkansas, he turned himself into the Faulkner County Jail at 10:12 a.m., Prosecuting Attorney Cody Hiland said Wednesday morning.

Gillean, 55, of Hot Springs, bonded out of jail at 10:23 a.m. with a bond of \$17,825 and an arraignment date of Nov. 19, Hiland said.

A message left at Gillean's attorney's office this morning (Oct. 10) has not yet been returned.

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UPDATE: Despite telling an investigator this weekend he would turn himself in, Jack Gillean — the former chief of staff at the University of Central Arkansas — has not done so and law enforcement have not found him to arrest him, Prosecuting Attorney Cody Hiland said Tuesday.

"Mr. Gillean has two options, he can turn himself into authorities, or when law enforcement catches up to him, he can be arrested," Hiland said.

Gillean was charged Friday with several felonies and a misdemeanor for allowing a student to use his keys to steal test exams, for insurance fraud and for filing a false financial statement. As of 11 a.m. Tuesday, Gillean remained unaccounted for.

Should he turn himself in, his bond would be about \$17,000, Hiland said.

Gilean's last known address is in Hot Springs.

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A former longtime chief of staff at the University of Central Arkansas gave his university keys to a student who stole test exams, Prosecuting Attorney Cody Hiland said Friday.

That same administrator filed an untrue insurance claim and lied on a credit application before he resigned suddenly from his post June 15, according to documents filed at the Faulkner County Courthouse on Friday morning.

Jack Gilean, who had been with UCA since 1996, is charged with four felonies and a misdemeanor — three felony counts of commercial burglary, one felony count of insurance fraud and one misdemeanor count of issuing a false financial statement.

Gilean joins two other UCA officials who have been charged with wrongdoing.

Former President Allen Meadors is expected to be arraigned on a misdemeanor charge of tampering with a public document Nov. 19. The president before Meadors, Lu Hardin, was convicted of wire fraud and money laundering in 2011.

UCA spokesman Jeff Pitchford said President Tom Courtway had no comment on the latest charges against Gilean.

If found guilty, Gilean could face 36 years maximum for all felony counts. An arrest warrant has been issued, but Gilean had not been arrested as of about 6:30 p.m. Friday, Hiland said.

Gilean could not be reached for comment Friday. He did not respond to a message left on his Facebook account, and his cell phone number has been disconnected. His last known address is in Hot Springs, according to Hiland.

No one was at a Conway apartment that Gilean had rented as of last year Friday afternoon.

The charges against Gilean stem from police catching a man who used master keys to break into McCastlain Hall earlier this year.

On June 11, a UCA employee reported a break-in and theft of medication in McCastlain Hall. After investigating, UCA police discovered video that allowed the employee to identify Cameron Stark, a former student worker in the President's Office, according to the affidavit. When police arrested Stark at his Conway home, he told them the keys used to break into the office and building were in his front pocket, the affidavit said.

Those keys belonged to Gilean, according to the affidavit.

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Gilean reported his master key lost in November or December 2011, spokeswoman Venita Jenkins said in email previously.


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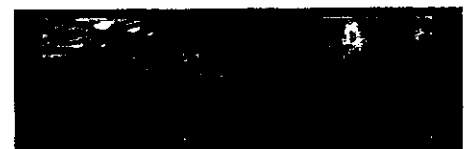
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The former chief of staff at the University of Central Arkansas turned himself in to officials at the Faulkner County Jail on Wednesday morning, days after telling an investigator he would do so.

Jack Gillean, 55, of 415 Ramble St. in Hot Springs, was booked at the jail at about 10:12 a.m. He bonded out at 10:23 a.m. with a \$17,825 bail and

received a Nov. 19 arraignment date, according to jail records and Prosecuting Attorney Cody Hiland.

Gillean is accused of giving his keys to a UCA student who stole test exams, filing an untrue insurance claim and lying on a credit application before he resigned suddenly from his UCA position in June. He was charged Friday with four felonies and a misdemeanor. On Saturday, he told an investigator he would turn himself in, then failed to do so until Wednesday.

Gillean's attorney Nicki Nicolo, of North Little Rock, said the time period for Gillean turning himself in to authorities was not atypical considering Monday was a holiday and Gillean needed to talk with his attorneys.

"He wasn't on the lam," Nicolo said. "He was waiting to talk to us. There's not really a delay."

A message left on a phone listed as Gillean's also was not returned.

If found guilty, Gillean could face 36 years maximum for all felony counts.

Gillean, two of his sisters and Nicolo went to the jail Wednesday morning. Nicolo said Gillean plans to plead not guilty at the November hearing and fight the charges against him.

"He's doing well considering the false allegations against him," Nicolo said. "He's holding his chin up, and he's ready to fight."

The charges against Gillean stem from police catching Cameron Stark, 24, after he

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used Gillean's master keys to break into McCastlain Hall earlier this year. Stark told investigators Gillean gave him a set of keys to break into offices and steal exams "so he could cheat on tests," according to the affidavit filed Friday.

Stark was listed on UCA's Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester, according to a UCA news release issued this summer. He was also listed on Dean's Lists for 2008 — when he was a freshman — and 2009 and 2010, according to information from the UCA website. He is no longer enrolled at UCA, spokesman Jeff Pitchford said previously.

Stark received immunity for his testimony against Gillean, Hiland confirmed Friday.

Stark has had at least one previous run in with law enforcement. An aggravated assault charge filed against Stark November 2011 was dismissed this past April, according to records at the Faulkner County Courthouse.

A phone number for Stark went straight to voicemail, which had not yet been set up, Wednesday afternoon. Stark has not responded to multiple messages left on Facebook, an online social networking site.

Stark had been a student worker in the President's Office until Gillean fired him in April 2011, according to the affidavit.

Gillean fired Stark from his student worker position and ended their "personal relationship" after Stark was involved in an accident on Irby Drive while driving Gillean's motorcycle, according to the affidavit. Gillean later filed an insurance claim saying he was riding the motorcycle and received about \$4,600 to replace it, the record shows. He also signed a credit application to buy a Ford, Mustang, that said the man with whom he lived was "assistant chief of staff" at UCA when he was not, according to the courthouse document.

According to the affidavit, several witnesses corroborated Stark's account that Gillean repeatedly provided keys to allow Stark to steal exams. One witness also said she saw Stark's motorcycle accident and that Stark was the driver.

The affidavit from Friday addresses break-ins in 2011, but in January 2012 faculty and staff in McAlister and McCastlain halls reported paperwork rifled through and thefts when their offices had been locked. In some cases, medication was stolen. No drug charges have been filed.

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Pitchford said UCA had no comment on Gillean.

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Former UCA chief of staff gave key to student who stole exams

Felony charges filed against Jack Gillean on Friday

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UCA spokesman Jeff Pitchford said President Tom Courtway had no comment on the latest charges against Gillean.

If found guilty, Gillean could face 36 years maximum for all felony counts. An arrest warrant has been issued, but Gillean had not been arrested as of about 6:30 p.m. Friday, Hiland said.

Gillean could not be reached for comment Friday. He did not respond to a message left on his Facebook account, and his cell phone number has been disconnected. His last known address is in Hot Springs, according to Hiland.

No one was at a Conway apartment that Gillean had rented as of last year Friday afternoon.

The charges against Gillean stem from police catching a man who used master keys to break into McCastlain Hall earlier this year.

On June 11, a UCA employee reported a break-in and theft of medication in McCastlain Hall. After investigating, UCA police discovered video that allowed the

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employee to identify Cameron Stark, a former student worker in the President's Office, according to the affidavit. When police arrested Stark at his Conway home, he told them the keys used to break into the office and building were in his front pocket, the affidavit said.

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One witness said in the affidavit Stark asked repeatedly for keys to steal tests and that he had seen Gillean handing over those keys so often that it became "the norm."

When contacted by the Log Cabin Democrat previously, one witness said he did not want to comment on the case.

The witness who saw Gillean handing over keys repeatedly, also said Gillean joked with Stark about "studying more often," according to the affidavit.

Police found evidence that the Lewis center was broken into "using Jack Gillean's Best Master Key."

That key allows access to almost any building or office on campus and is not supposed to be given to anyone besides the person to whom it was issued. Another key, the Schlage Key, allows access to some of the older offices on campus and is also not supposed to be given to anyone other than the person to whom it was issued, according to the affidavit.

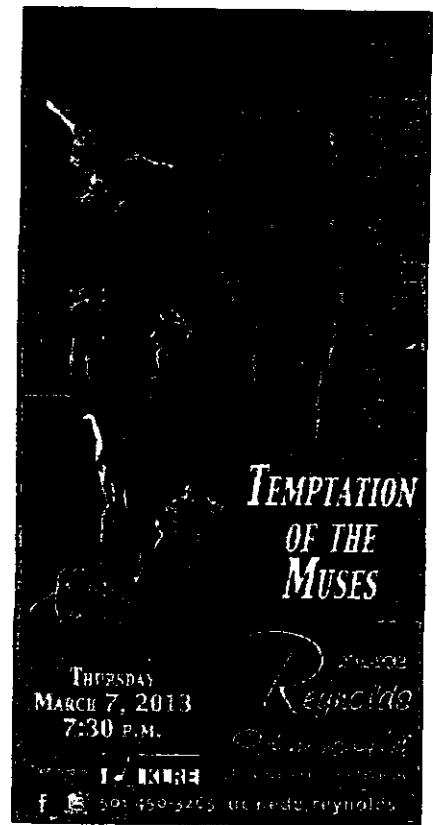
The UCA Identification Card that belonged to Gillean can be used to gain access to Wingo Hall, ADEM Facility and Laney Hall. That card was used five times to access Laney Hall during the spring semester, according to the affidavit.

Gillean signed paperwork agreeing not to give anyone his master key but failed to sign a similar agreement for the Schlage Key.

Once in the building, a Schlage Key — a key issued to Jack Gillean on March 7, 2011, and found on Stark during arrest — was used to break into an office "where the exams were located and then stolen," according to the affidavit.

Gillean gave his Best Master Key to Stark and asked the UCA Physical plant for a Schlage Key that he then gave to Stark, knowing those keys were "for the purpose of breaking into buildings and stealing exams," according to the affidavit.

Other witnesses said in the affidavit that Stark gave them exams prior to the exam date. Another said he was with Stark during one break-in. Yet another witness confronted Gillean about the break-ins, asking Gillean "about giving Cameron Stark the master key to school and what he was doing with it. Jack Gillean responded, 'I



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No charges are pending against witnesses, Hiland said.

Gilean fired Stark from his student worker position in late April 2011 and ended their "personal relationship" after Stark was involved in an accident on Irby Drive while driving Gilean's motorcycle, according to courthouse documents. Student worker personnel files are not open to the public, Pitchford said.

Later, Gilean filed an insurance claim that stated he "had been riding his motorcycle — not Cameron Stark," according to the affidavit. A witness had seen Stark's accident and thought the motorcycle "looked like the motorcycle Jack Gilean drove to work and parked at the university." Gilean received \$4,631 to replace the 2009 Kawasaki EX650 motorcycle.

Police also found that Gilean had falsified a credit application to help a man with whom he had a "domestic partnership" buy a 2011 Ford Mustang, according to the affidavit. Gilean lied to the local automotive dealer and said the man, with whom he lived, was "assistant chief of staff for the University of Central Arkansas with a salary of \$2,500 monthly in order to secure the credit for the automobile," according to the affidavit. Gilean and the man both signed the application, but the man has since become a witness.

The affidavit addresses break-ins between March 8 and April 23, 2011, but in January 2012 faculty in McAlister and McCastlain halls reported paperwork rifled through and thefts when their offices had been locked several times. In some cases, medication was stolen, according to police incident reports. Even though missing drugs originally lead to Stark in June, no drug charges have been filed against Stark or Gilean.

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On 3rd try, ex-UCA official surrenders, then posts bond

DEBRA HALE-SHELTON ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

CONWAY - Jack Gillean, the University of Central Arkansas' former chief of staff and a former deputy attorney general, walked quietly out of the Faulkner County jail Wednesday after finally surrendering on felony charges filed almost a week ago.

Gillean, accompanied by his attorney and two sisters, was inside the jail more than two hours before he was allowed to leave after being fingerprinted and photographed and posting bond.

Bail was set at \$17,825, moaning Gillean had to post 10 percent of it - the standard practice in such cases.

Gillean, 55, is charged with three felony counts of commercial burglary, one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts and one misdemeanor count of issuing a false statement. He was charged Friday and had told authorities he would be in Monday, then said Tuesday but didn't show up either day. The reason for the delay was unclear.

An affidavit accompanying the charges filed Friday in Faulkner County Circuit Court alleges Gillean gave two UCA-issued keys to a student and knew the student planned to use the keys to enter professors' offices and steal tests. Gillean accompanied that student, ex-Marine Cameron Stark, on one burglary, the affidavit says.

Stark, 24, is no longer enrolled at UCA, where he made the dean's list for the spring 2012 semester. He has been given limited immunity from prosecution, Prosecuting Attorney Cody Hilland has said.

A somber Gillean wore a suit and was clean-shaven Wednesday - the goatee he had displayed for some time now gone. He said nothing to reporters other than to refer questions to his attorney, Nicki Nicolo.

"I know the prosecution has some problems with the witnesses they are trying to put forward. And, of course, Mr. Gillean professes his innocence," Nicolo said.

"These are false allegations," she contended. "We're here to clear his [Gillean's] name and set the record straight."

Nicolo declined to say how Stark came to have Gillean's two keys. "We're not getting into the facts of the case at this time," she said.

Nicolo called Stark the prosecution's "star witness" and said, "There will be some revealing information that will come to light soon." She said she was referring to information about Stark but would not give details yet.

Asked if she would include that information in a pretrial motion, she said she would discuss what steps to take with Sam Perroni, a Little Rock lawyer who knows Gillean and who will consult on the case.

The affidavit indicates authorities have information to corroborate Stark's statements from other witnesses, who are not identified by name in the document. According to the affidavit, those witnesses include Gillean's former domestic partner, a man who now is about 21.

Hiland said he did not want to comment beyond what he has said previously. On Tuesday, Hilland said, "It would be inappropriate for us to comment on the evidence that will be presented."

He said the defense attorney, as with any case, would have the opportunity to "review the discovery" and then "make an informed decision as to the relative strength or weakness of his or her client's case."

Gillean will be arraigned Nov. 19, on the same date and in the same courtroom where his former boss - ex-UCA President Allen Meadors - is to enter a plea on a misdemeanor charge in an unrelated case.

Circuit Judge David Reynolds is scheduled to preside that day. Reynolds, however, will be leaving the circuit judgeship in January for a district-court post.

Meadors' attorney, Tim Dudley of Little Rock, has said he hopes he can enter the plea on his client's behalf so that Meadors won't have to drive from his home in North Carolina. Meadors, who resigned in September 2011 over a food vendor's botched offer of \$700,000 to renovate the UCA-owned president's house, is charged with one count of solicitation of tampering with a public document.

Gillean, who joined UCA in 1996, resigned June 15 after being asked about his grandmaster key.

The issue arose after UCA police questioned Stark about a June 9 drug theft on campus and learned Stark had that key and another one of Gillean's keys.

Stark had worked in the president's office in the spring of 2011, but Gillean fired him after the two had a disagreement, according to the affidavit. The best thefts took place between Feb. 13, 2011, and April 23, 2011, the affidavit says.

Gillean held various positions at UCA over the years, including general counsel. He previously had handled criminal cases for the attorney general's office and had worked for Jim Guy Tucker when Tucker was governor.

Commercial burglary is punishable by three to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. The fraud charge - which stems from a wreck authorities say Stark had on Gillean's motorcycle - is punishable by up to six years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. The misdemeanor charge is punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500.

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CONWAY - Jack Gillean, the University of Central Arkansas' former chief of staff who was charged Friday with four felonies, including commercial burglary, told the prosecutor's office Monday that he plans to surrender today.

Police have been looking for Gillean, who now lives in Hot Springs, but he has declined to tell authorities where he is.

Gillean, a former deputy attorney general who handled criminal cases, had called authorities Saturday. At that time, Gillean said he would turn himself in Monday and he needed to go to the bank first, Prosecuting Attorney Cody Hiland said.

Hiland has said he plans to seek \$17,500 in bail, meaning Gillean would have to post \$1,750 to be released.

Gillean called the prosecutor's office back Monday to say he was talking with an attorney and would instead surrender today, Hiland said.

Gillean has two options, Hiland said. "He can either turn himself in to authorities; or when the authorities find him, they will arrest him and put him in jail."

Gillean is charged with three felony counts of commercial burglary, felonies because, authorities say, he gave a student keys to enter professors' offices and steal tests. Gillean, who resigned June 15 when he was asked about the keys, also is charged with one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts and one count of issuing a false statement, a misdemeanor.

If Gillean posts bond promptly after his surrender, he will not have a court appearance until he is arraigned, Hiland said. If he does not post bond, he will have his first court appearance Wednesday, the prosecutor said.

The charges against Gillean, 55, resulted from an almost fourmonth investigation. Officials say Cameron Stark, a former Marine and former UCA student, was caught on a security videotape during a June 9 theft of prescription medicine from a UCA employee's desk drawer.

Stark, whom Hiland has granted limited immunity from prosecution, told police that Gillean had given him two keys to gain entrance to professors' offices to steal tests.

The burglary charges against Gillean relate to test thefts that an affidavit says took place between Feb. 13, 2011, and April 23, 2011. Gillean is not charged with any drug-related thefts but is accused of accompanying Stark on one of the burglaries.

Just hours after Hiland charged Gillean, Stark, 24, posted a "cover photo" on Facebook of himself with UCA Police Chief Larry James. In the picture, James and Stark are smiling and raising drinks as if in a toast.

On Saturday, after UCA employees and others began texting each other about the picture, Stark changed his "cover photo," but the picture of him with James remained on his Facebook site as of Monday afternoon.

By Friday afternoon, someone told UCA President Tom Courtway about the photo. Courtway said Monday that he talked with James on Friday night and understands the picture was taken at a 2010 Christmas party thrown by the UCA Police Department at a Conway country club.

James said in an e-mailed statement that the annual event is for all police employees and invited guests. Courtway said he and his wife were among the guests that year.

"Several vice presidents of the university were invited to attend (as is customary). Jack Gillean was invited to the social and brought Cameron Stark (who was not invited to the event)," James added.

"Jack introduced Cameron to me and a number of other attendees, and at one point, Cameron asked if he could have a picture with me (taken by Jack)," James continued.

"We hardly spoke at the event, I did not know him before the event ... and I don't recall ever seeing him again after the event. That is the extent of my personal knowledge of Cameron Stark."

According to the affidavit filed with the Gillean charges, Stark worked in the UCA president's office in the spring semester of 2011. Gillean's office was located there.

In an interview, Courtway said that, after talking with James, "I don't believe [the photo is] problematic." He said James and Stark were "absolutely not" close friends, and the picture was almost two years old from what he understood.

While the picture doesn't have a date on it, Courtway said, "I can verify that there was one Christmas party where Mr. Gillean brought Mr. Stark."

Hiland said James has not been involved in "the hands-on part of the [Gillean and Stark] investigation" and that because of the picture's timing, it should not affect the case.

Neither Gillean nor Stark has responded to repeated requests for comment.

Stark's attorney, Angela Byrd, did not immediately return a phone message Monday. Hiland said he did not know if Gillean has an attorney yet.

Hiland also said Monday that he now believes Stark was involved in two previously unsolved burglaries reported at UCA in January.

UCA police spokesman Arch Jones said in July that the department's investigators had found "no connection" between those incidents and the June theft.

Asked if he believes Stark also used Gillean's keys in those burglaries, Hiland said, "I have reason to believe that is the case."

On Jan. 9, employees in UCA's McAlister Hall reported someone had stolen about five pills, numerous keys on one chain, candy bars and \$3.50 in change. On Jan. 17, another employee in that building said about 30 of his prescription pills and some ibuprofen were taken. Other workers reported loose change and a cordless drill were missing.

Further, UCA police records obtained under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act show that Stark had an arrest record before he went to work for the president's office.

In January 2007, UCA police issued Stark a "municipal citation" for drinking in public, according to an incident report that says he wasn't a UCA student then.

On Nov. 7, 2008, UCA police arrested Stark, who by then was a UCA student, after a fraternity member complained that Stark was urinating on a couch in the fraternity's living room, another incident report says.

Police sought warrants and the case was closed, according to a Nov. 26 note on the report.

On Nov. 6, 2011, after Gillean had fired Stark from the president's office job, UCA police arrested Stark after a nonstudent flagged down a police officer on Bruce Street and said a man had pointed a gun at his head.

The accuser said he had been to a party where a man had pointed a gun with a laser at his face and told him to leave, the report says. UCA police contacted Conway police, who arrested Stark after finding a weapon that matched the accuser's description.

It was unclear Monday whether Stark was ever charged or convicted in any case. Local court offices were closed for Columbus Day.

While Stark was not charged in the UCA burglaries cited in the affidavit, he was arrested in the June 9 theft, it says. UCA police spokesman Jones previously had said no one had been arrested in that burglary.

Asked about the discrepancy Monday, Jones said, "Basically, that is a situation of nomenclature or semantics. In our minds, we had detained and questioned Mr. Stark ... There was no intent to deceive. ... We did not fill out an arrest disposition report," a form that is separate from an incident report, which the police did complete.

"This investigation has been done by the book and done with great integrity as we investigated one of our own," Jones said. This article was published on page 1 and 5 of the Tuesday, October 09, 2012 edition in the Front Section.



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Gilean, ex-UCA official, charged

Prosecutor: Key used to steal tests

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CONWAY - Jack Gilean, the University of Central Arkansas' former chief of staff, was charged Friday with four felony offenses, three of them over accusations that he helped a student repeatedly steal academic tests from professors' offices.

Gilean, 55, was charged with three felony counts of commercial burglary in addition to one felony count of fraudulent insurance acts and one count of issuing a false financial statement, a misdemeanor.

Prosecuting Attorney Cody Hiland filed the charges in Faulkner County Circuit Court after an almost four-month investigation.

Gilean, who lives in Hot Springs, had not been arrested as of late Friday.

Bail will be set at \$17,500, Hiland said. If Gilean doesn't immediately make bail, he will have a court appearance Tuesday, Hiland said.

Gilean did not immediately return an e-mail request for comment. He has no phone number listed in Hot Springs directory assistance.

Hiland said he did not know if Gilean has an attorney.

UCA President Tom Courtway would have no comment on the matter, UCA spokesman Jeff Pitchford said.

Gilean was one of UCA's most high-profile administrators. He routinely sat with the board of trustees when it met.

He joined UCA on July 1, 1996, and served in various administrative posts before he resigned June 15. Before joining UCA, he was executive assistant for criminal justice for then-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker. Gilean also had been a deputy attorney general.

Gilean quit abruptly after being asked about a grandmaster key found on a student who, police said, had stolen prescription medicine June 9 from the office drawer of Andrew Linn, a UCA financial aid employee.

An affidavit accompanying the charges identifies the theft suspect as Cameron Stark, a student employee in the spring of 2011 in the UCA president's office, where Gilean worked.

Stark, 24, has been granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for his cooperation in the case, Hiland said.

"While being arrested [Stark] stated, 'the keys are in my front pocket,'" according to the affidavit.

UCA police had repeatedly said in the past that no one was arrested in the theft.

Asked how he got the keys, police said in the affidavit that Stark replied, "Jack gave them to me."

Stark has repeatedly not replied to requests for comment sent to him through Facebook. He has no phone number listed in Conway directory assistance.

Stark, who made the dean's list last spring, told police that Gilean gave him the keys to break into professors' offices to steal exams "so he could cheat on tests," the affidavit says.

"Stark stated he had done this approximately 15-20 times," it adds. Stark also reportedly said he had used Gilean's key card.

The burglaries took place between Feb. 13, 2011, and April 23, 2011, and authorities have information corroborating Stark's statements, the affidavit says.

Gilean did not report his grand-master key missing until late last fall. He said it was "lost," according to a statement Courtway issued in June after Gilean's resignation.

The affidavit also refers to a young man identified in the affidavit only as Witness 4, whom Gilean met through a Craigslist advertisement and established a domestic partnership with from about January 2011 through July 2011. That witness told police that it was common for Gilean to give Stark the keys, the affidavit says.

That witness, who now is about 21, "stated he personally witnessed Jack Gilean hand Cameron Stark the school keys" - a practice the witness said occurred so often it was "the norm," the affidavit says. Gilean would even "joke with ... Stark about studying more often," it adds.

Further, Gilean co-signed a credit application last year to help his domestic partner buy a Ford Mustang. On the application, Gilean's partner was listed falsely as assistant chief of staff for UCA with a \$2,500 monthly salary, the affidavit says. In reality, Gilean's partner was neither a UCA student nor an employee, Hiland said.

According to the affidavit, Stark stole tests "on multiple occasions" from a professor's office in the Lewis Science Center for a cell biology class. Stark also used Gilean's keys to steal physics, organic chemistry and world history tests, the affidavit says.

"On the initial [break-in] of Dr. [Blupinder] Vorha's office, Jack Gilean was present with Cameron Stark and personally used his Best Master Key ... allowing Cameron Stark access to steal exams," the affidavit adds.

"In [subsequent] burglaries, Cameron Stark would go back to Jack Gilean and be provided the key when needed" to break into Vorha's office.

A witness whom the affidavit does not identify told authorities about seeing the stolen exams - as did other witnesses - and about accompanying Stark on a burglary.

On March 7, 2011, Gilean, at his request, was issued a key that would allow entry into some of UCA's older offices, including the one used by Stark's physics professor at the time. Gilean in turn gave that key to Stark, the affidavit says.

The unidentified witness who said he went with Stark on one burglary told authorities that Gilean and Stark had a dispute in the spring of 2011 and that Gilean afterward refused to give Stark the school keys.

It was unclear Friday whether UCA would adjust the grades or other academic records of Stark and any other students known to have participated in cheating. Spokesman Pitchford said Stark is no longer a UCA student.

Gilean also is accused of falsifying an insurance claim after police say Stark wrecked Gilean's motorcycle in the spring of 2011. According to the affidavit, Gilean falsely listed himself as the driver and got a \$4,631 insurance settlement.

Stark told police that Gilean became so angry over the wreck that he fired Stark from the student-worker job in the president's office and "terminated their personal relationship."

The affidavit says records corroborate that Gilean sent Stark an April 23, 2011, e-mail ending Stark's employment.

Commercial burglary is punishable by three to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. The fraud charge is punishable by up to six years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. The misdemeanor charge is punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500.

On why Gilean would have given Stark the keys - one of which was listed in UCA guidelines as having a replacement value of \$100,000 - Hiland said, "You'd have to ask the defendant what his motivation was."

Internal audit documents show that the June 9 drug theft that led to Gillean's resignation and the police investigation took place about 1:30 a.m., approximately one hour after someone used Gillean's office computer in an adjacent building.

Video footage that could show who entered Gillean's office that night was damaged and could not be salvaged, UCA police have said. Hiland said authorities still do not know if Gillean was the person on his computer that morning.

The thief got away with just four pills of an amphetamine often prescribed to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The potentially addictive drug is being increasingly abused nationwide by students who do not suffer from the disorder but take it in an attempt to focus better and improve their grades.

Gillean is not charged with any drug-related crimes, including the June 9 theft. Hiland said he could not be sure if Gillean had authorized Stark to use the key in that incident. Gillean joined UCA July 1, 1996, when Winfred Thompson was president. In addition to chief of staff, Gillean's other positions at UCA have included vice president for administration and general counsel. When he quit, he was making \$146,974 annually.

Gillean worked at the attorney general's office from April 1984 until September 1993, spokesman Aaron Sadler said.

Gillean, who practiced under former Attorneys General Steve Clark and Winston Bryant, began as an assistant attorney general in the criminal-case department and was a deputy attorney general of criminal appeals by the time he left, Sadler said.

After Gillean resigned from UCA, he quickly became the subject of an internal audit. That audit also has focused on an unidentified student and on Adam Henderson, former director of UCA's Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

Henderson, who got a \$20,000 raise last year, lost most of it after Gillean quit and later resigned himself. Courtway said Henderson's departure was unrelated to the grand-master key issue.

Hiland said he does not plan to charge Henderson.

"There was no evidence that would suggest he was associated or involved with criminal activity," the prosecutor said.

Asked if Gillean or anyone else might face additional charges, Hiland said, "It's an ongoing investigation, and additional charges could be forthcoming."

Hiland declined to say if drugs are part of that probe.

"Gillean was offered an opportunity to visit with investigators and to this point has not availed himself of that opportunity," Hiland said.

The charges against Gillean came less than two months after Hiland charged former UCA President Allen Meadors with a misdemeanor - solicitation of tampering with a public record.

That charge is related to a vendor's \$700,000 offer to renovate the UCA-owned president's house - a plan that went awry after it was learned the offer was part of a contract proposal, not a donation. Meadors is to be arraigned Nov. 19.

Last year, Meadors' predecessor as president, Lu Hardin, pleaded guilty to two federal felony charges resulting from a \$300,000 bonus he had got in 2008 and a memo he falsified.

Of UCA, Hiland said, "Ninety-nine percent of the people out there are acting honorably and doing the right thing. The thing that's going to reflect on the institution is how they respond to [a problem]. From my perspective, they responded with transparency and cooperation."

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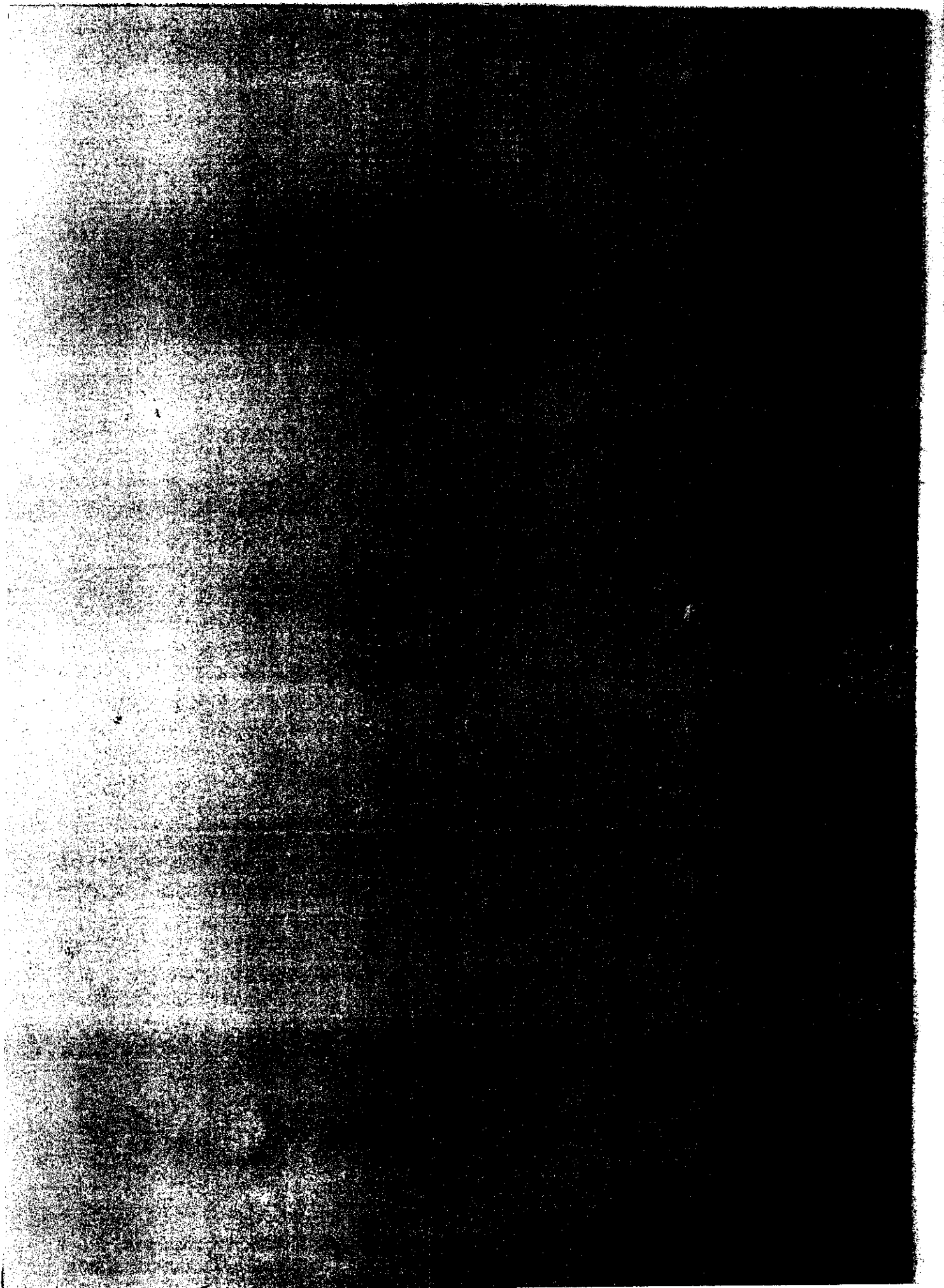
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UCA says scholarship flaws fixed

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Officials at the University of Central Arkansas approved, adjusted and renewed scholarships without documentation and sometimes without apparent merit -- awarding some students thousands more than what they should have received during the 2011-2012 fiscal year, according to an internal audit on university scholarships. The audit was released Thursday.

The problems the audit found were "just errors," said Larry Burns, special projects director in enrollment management. "We've got to find a way to just fix those and that's what we've done."

Officials said Thursday the problems spotlighted in the audit are being fixed.

Scholarships are mostly handled through Financial Aid and Enrollment Management but have previously been in various departments and not consolidated, said Robert Parrent, vice president for enrollment management. UCA officials moved scholarships under Financial Aid for the 2012-2013 school year to streamline the process, he said.

The audit, which looked at a sample from the pool of scholarship recipients, found "errors" that include allowing the same official to adjust aid and approve disbursement, missing documentation in student files and allowing staff to use "personal judgment" to adjust scholarships and cost of attendance adjustments.

In one case, a top scholarship was awarded despite a grade point average of 2.45 out of 4.0, which disqualified the student. In another case, two students with scholarships received "excess aid funds" for thousands for "personal living expenses"

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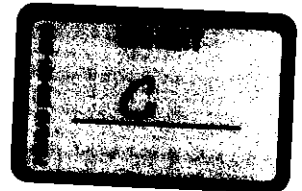
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when policy says students shouldn't receive "any cash back from any source," according to the new audit.

In other cases, UCA staff used "professional judgment" without giving any documentation to support why they made the decision.

Enrollment Management Associate Vice President Julia Winden Fey approved two exemptions for two scholarship recipients but did not add any documentation to support her reasons on why they were granted. She told auditors she used "professional judgment." The audit showed three students also received exceptions without supporting documentation for medical condition or military service.

"As stated above, management indicates these renewals were based on professional judgment," according to the report.

UCA spent about \$17.6 million in fiscal 2011 on unrestricted educational and general scholarship expenditure, and the most-recent audit looked at a sample from several scholarships that totaled about \$7.1 million, according to the report.

Parrent said Thursday the problems the audits found in how UCA handled its scholarships are being fixed with new policies and practices. The new practices provide "good checks and balances so that all the awards are straight forward."

In January, the university began putting new policies in place to prevent abuse and better track scholarships after an audit released in December detailed a lack of policy, oversight and communication at UCA, including the Financial Aid office. That audit also noted former Assistant Director of Financial Aid for Scholarships Andrew Linn made an adjustment for Cameron Stark, a former student worker in the President's Office, without proper documentation. The adjustment allowed Stark to accept additional federal loans.

Linn was fired Jan. 28 after an investigation found he oversaw the financial aid of his friend, Stark, advised Stark on how to get a scholarship renewed and allowed Stark to file paperwork on a damaged car wheel that allowed Stark to get about \$1,300.

Stark was arrested in June for breaking into university buildings using the key of then-Chief of Staff Jack Gillean and stealing UCA exams. Stark is the key witness in the case against Gillean, who has been charged with a misdemeanor and four felonies that include commercial burglary. The case is set for a pre-trial hearing March 4.

Financial Aid Director Cheryl Lyons said during an Audit Committee meeting in December that Linn used professional judgement when granting Stark's cost of attendance adjustment.

During an internal investigation into Linn, Lyons said at the time Linn's actions did not make her concerned, according to an audio recording in Linn's personnel file. Lyons said Linn wasn't the only employee who made an adjustment that "shouldn't have been done." At least one other employee had made a cost of attendance adjustment based on bills, like a cable bill, around the same time, Lyons said.

The December audit also notes Burns renewed Stark's Presidential Scholarship — worth about \$32,000 over four years — for the 2011-2012 school year even though Stark had not completed the required hours. The move was made for a "medical exception" without supporting documents. Burns told auditors the "scholarship was renewed but was unable to provide supporting documentation or evidence of supervisory approval," according to the audit.

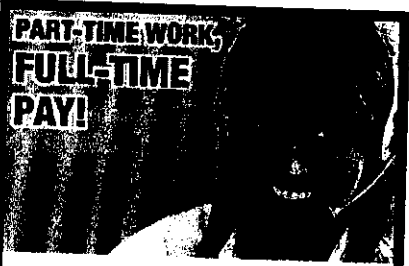
Besides Linn, no other Financial Aid or Enrollment Management employees have been fired or reprimanded, spokesmen Fredricka Sharkey and Jeff Pitchford said.

The Audit Committee held a closed meeting to discuss "personnel matters" Thursday but made no action.

The audit looked at the 2011-2012 school year, and officials said Thursday much has changed since then.

Those changes include a new Conflict of Interest Form for both enrollment and financial aid offices so that staff cannot oversee the scholarships of friends. Other changes include requiring dual signatures on scholarship exception and having

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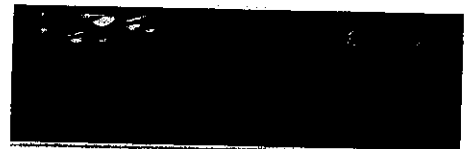
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separate access for adjusting amounts and approving scholarships. By March 1, staff plan to have written procedures for Scholarship Renewal Processing that better tracks reasons for granting exceptions, Winden Fey said.

One scholarship, the Leadership II Scholarship, had no criteria and were awarded to students based on the recommendation of UCA recruiters. The scholarship, which UCA spent \$88,500 total on, was established by former President Allen Meadors and has since been discontinued, UCA officials said Thursday.

On Tuesday, UCA bought a date stamp so that documents can be dated and more easily tracked, Parrent said. Financial Aid counselors will be trained on professional judgment via a webinar May 15, he said.

"I feel good with what we've put in place," Parrent said. "This is very, very good."

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UCA fires employee over Stark association

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By SCARLET SIMS

A University of Central Arkansas employee was fired Monday after an investigation found he oversaw the financial aid of a friend, advised that friend on how to get a scholarship renewed and filed paperwork on a damaged car wheel that allowed the friend to get about \$1,300.

Andrew Linn, the assistant director and scholarship coordinator at UCA, was fired after refusing to resign, according to UCA emails between him and President Tom Courtney.

Linn did not return a phone message left Thursday evening on his cell phone.

Text messages, audio recordings of official interviews and handwritten notes in Linn's personnel file show UCA officials believe Linn was friends with Cameron Stark, a former student who used UCA keys belonging to then Chief of Staff Jack Gillean to break into buildings and steal exams. He oversaw Stark's

financial aid even though students are assigned alphabetically and Stark should not have been under Linn alphabetically, according to records in Linn's personnel file.

The university released Linn's personnel file Thursday after Linn did not file paperwork with the state Attorney General by deadline seeking an opinion on whether the university can withhold the records under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

Linn is at the center of a whirlwind case involving break-ins on campus, stolen exams and stolen prescription medication. He filed the police report about a break-in in June and identified Stark in a video that eventually lead to Stark's arrest.

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Gillean was charged with four felonies, including commercial burglary, and a misdemeanor in October. Stark is the key witness against Gillean.

Internal Audit Director Pamela Massey wrote in an audit released in December that auditors found there has been "fraudulent behavior of upper administration in the last four years at UCA."

Courtway has not said whether more firings are planned.

Interviewers who asked Linn questions made a list of discrepancies Linn made and noted his behavior could be inappropriate and a conflict of interest. Stark and Linn visited each other outside the workplace. They also had beer together.

Linn has said repeatedly the two are acquaintances.

Stark had been "pestering" Linn for money, according to Financial Aid Director Cheryl Lyons.

Texts between Stark and Linn show multiple talks about money and Stark's scholarship.

The internal audit report found Linn increased Stark's cost of attendance for transportation after the student's car was damaged. The payment was allowed even though Financial Aid only gave transportation increases for "excessive mileage," according to a write-up of an interview with Lyons.

"She stated that she talked to him about the transportation adjustment and that they had discontinued those several years before," according to interview notes by General Counsel Associate Katie Henry and Associate Vice President of Administrative Services Graham Gillis, Jr.

When auditors pointed out the adjustment, Linn said Stark deserved more money because his vehicle had been stolen and recovered damaged. But the wheels for the vehicle were estimated before the car was reported stolen March 8, 2010. Police recovered Stark's vehicle March 12, 2010, but a document showing the amount of the wheels, \$1,395, was printed from a UCA campus printer March 8.

One document, dated March 10, 2010, indicating the rims for Stark's vehicle were discontinued was missing from Stark's file when auditors first looked at his file but appeared sometime afterward, according to audio recordings. Lyons said in recordings that auditors may have overlooked that document.

Linn said in the recordings the stolen vehicle incident doesn't matter for the adjustment because it was given on separate grounds from the police report.


Internal Audit also investigated the scholarship documentation of 11 students who were reviewed because of their association with Gillean. One student was awarded the Presidential Scholarship in 2006-2007, but UCA allowed it to be put on hold for military service and readmission in fall 2008.

Stark served in the military, although the name of the student is not in the report. His name is mentioned in relation to the scholarship in audio recordings.

Upon review of the student's course and grade history, auditors found Stark completed 26 hours the 2010-2011 school year, even though at least 30 hours and a grade point of 3.25 is required.

The director of Special Projects was unable to give auditors "supporting documentation or evidence of supervisory approval." Director Larry Burns said the renewal was "based on a medical exception but also could not provide supporting documentation," according to the audit report. The scholarship is worth thousands.

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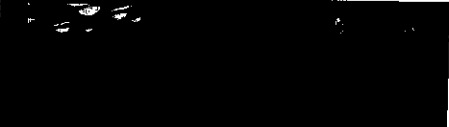
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The texts show Linn and Stark were friends, at least on some level, but they don't indicate a more intimate relationship as far as I can tell. When asked, Mr. Gillean said through his attorney earlier this month "As for Mr. Lynn (Linn) and Mr. Stark, you will have to ask Mr. Lynn about their relationship."

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In every trial, what it comes down to is credibility, said Samuel Perroni, attorney for Jack Gillean, in an email.

"Who does the jury believe is telling the truth?" he said. "Now, the truth does not flutter in the courtroom like a carefree dove. Sometimes you have to drag it in kicking and screaming."

Any admissible evidence, particularly showing someone's motive for testifying, is "extremely important," Perroni said.

On the other hand, prosecutors don't get to pick their witnesses, said Bob McMahan, Arkansas prosecutor coordinator. Sometimes those witnesses have flawed backgrounds, he said.

"Like we don't get to choose our victims, we also don't get to choose who witnesses a crime," McMahan said.

Hiland said he couldn't comment on Stark until the case and appeals are over.

"First, Mr. Gillean's opinion of Mr. Stark is that he is a liar, thief and thug who is hurting others to save his own skin," Perroni wrote in email.

Perroni said he wrote the email in consultation with Gillean.

Stark was never "violent" in front of Gillean, Perroni said.

However, Stark "abused" their friendship and was fired from his student worker position in the President's Office in 2011 for "poor work ethic," according to the email.

In the affidavit, Stark told police he had an accident while driving Gillean's motorcycle and Gillean became angry, ended their friendship and fired him.

But the email from Perroni indicated Stark is not trustworthy, including information Stark gave police about the keys.

"Mr. Gillean's keys were lost in August of 2011. He reported this to the appropriate UCA officials at the time. The keys were in his possession one day and gone the next," Perroni said. "If Mr. Stark had them, he took them without Mr. Gillean's consent. Mr. Gillean did not give him the keys or authorize their use for any reason."

Bratton said he didn't know Stark well, but that the student seemed impressed by money and power.

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"I think he fell in with bad companions, but I think he was susceptible," Bratton said.

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Of Mon"KEY" business that has been going on @ UCA for too long. Got board members using it and their connections as a private piggy bank to cover gambling debts and among other thing then we get past that problem. Then we get red brick sidewalks and vendor deals so the prez's wife can play doll house with their home. Then the next UCA related news the Oxofrd thing comes along

Hope UCA can get past all this "CRUDE" and get cleaned up and back to teaching students 1st and worry about paying back political favors later.

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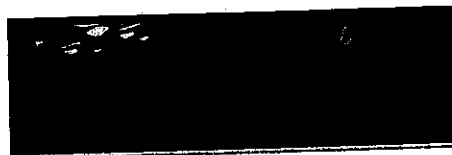
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Sadly that's the problem is worrying about "press time" versus doing what's right. And now he won't get a conviction because Stark is too easy to discredit.

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By SCARLET SIMS

Cameron Stark was drinking at Bear's Den Pizza, a bar University of Central Arkansas professors and students frequent, when he pulled aside one of his former associate professors to say he'd made a mistake and was worried he had ruined his future. He wanted to know how to get into another college, professor George Bratton said.

Stark — a top student at UCA for years — had been kicked out of the university after UCA police arrested him for having grand master and master keys used in break-ins earlier that year. UCA records show Stark attended the university part time in

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summer 2012. He was a senior.

Then, he was no longer a student and had not earned a degree, according to records the Log Cabin Democrat received under the Freedom of Information Act.

The university would not release records or speak about Stark's possible punishment for stealing exams. Disciplinary records are not open under the Freedom of Information Act under a federal law, UCA spokeswoman Fredricka Sharkey wrote in email.

But Bratton said Stark told him he was booted from UCA after police arrested him at his home in June. An investigation into a rash of break-ins at administrative buildings earlier last year lead to Stark when Andrew Linn, assistant director in the Financial Aid Department, identified Stark in a video. Stark and Linn had worked together.

When police went to Stark's home, they discovered former Chief of Staff Jack Gillean's keys to UCA in his front pocket.

"Jack gave them to me," Stark told police.

On June 15, less than a week after the most recent break-ins were reported by Linn, Gillean resigned suddenly from his position after serving at UCA for 16 years. In October, prosecutor Cody Hiland charged Gillean with four felonies, including three commercial burglaries, and a misdemeanor.

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Stark, who was granted immunity for his testimony, is his key witness, Hiland said.

Stark and his attorney, Angela Byrd, did not return multiple phone calls. Stark did not respond to messages sent via Twitter and Facebook.

A Stark glimpse

Stark, 24, signed up to be a Marine on his birthday, July 17, 2006, according to his military record.

On Twitter and Facebook, online social networking sites, Stark shows pride in the Marines, displaying photos of him on duty and going by the Twitter name that includes @StarkUSMC. On his upper right arm, Stark has a tattoo that include USMC with a Bullet Cross.

Stark is listed as a rifleman in his military records. His obligation as a member of the Selected Marine Corps Reserve ends Aug. 16.

While at UCA, Stark was on the Dean's List in fall 2008, spring 2009, fall 2009, Spring 2010 and fall 2010, UCA records show.

Bratton said Stark was punctual, clean-shaven and an "active learner."

Stark, a biology major, was disciplined in class and said "yes, sir" or "no, sir." He came to the survey statistics course, sat in one of the front three rows and nodded his head or mouthed answers during class, Bratton said.

The professor is sure Stark didn't steal exams to cheat because Bratton doesn't keep tests in his office. Bratton said he generally makes the tests and prints them the day of the tests. Stark did well because he was attentive, Bratton said.

"He didn't have ear buds in his ears when he came to class," he said.

Stark became friends with Gillean when they lived at an apartment complex together, according to an email from Gillean's attorney Samuel Perroni. Stark and Gillean hung out. Gillean took Stark to a December 2010 Centennial Events Center social event, according to an email from UCA police spokesman Arch Jones last month. At that event, Stark posed for a photograph with UCA Police Chief Larry James while Gillean snapped the photo.

A Stark future

But Stark has been in trouble with UCA and Conway police departments for years, UCA and Conway police records show.

In April 2011, Stark got into a fight with a customer at Michelangelo's. Mike Kraft later found a unloaded rifle outside "behind a trash can next to the building," according to the Conway police incident report.

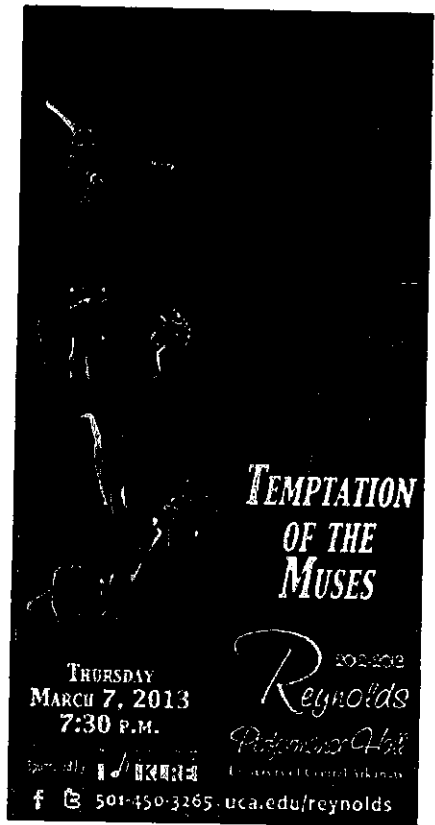
"Kraft had heard that, during the argument, Stark went to his vehicle and pulled the rifle out. Stark's friends supposedly took the gun from him, threw it on the ground, forced him back into the car and then drove off," the officer wrote.

During a party in November that same year, an intoxicated Stark drew a gun on a man who refused to leave, an incident report shows. In an interview with an officer, stark said "he decided to pull out the pistol and tell him to leave again. When the man did not, he turned on the laser and started from the ground up and walked it up his body pointing it at his face and told him to leave again."

Stark was arrested at least three times for public intoxication. He was arrested for domestic battery and had a no contact order issued against him in November 2011, Faulkner County District Court records show. That order was dropped the next month.

Stark's wife filed for divorce Jan. 4.

Attempts to reach out to several of Stark's friends failed. None returned messages left through social media, and two had numbers that were disconnected. Stark's wife and



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Stark has moved to Oklahoma, according to divorce records.

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I bet that after a couple of incidents like this, his access to firearms has been restricted. Certainly, our society wouldn't let unbalanced gunslingers walk around.

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One explanation is that Mr. Stark did not steal because he "needed" a better grade. He could have done it just because he could. It's like shoplifting -- rich people steal because they need the thrill, not because they need the item. Also, in the Spring of 2011, Dr. Bratton taught Cal II and Stat Methods I in the math and science center, but Stark is accused of stealing exams from Dr. Vorha, a biology professor in the Lewis Science Center. Completely different buildings. Just because Stark did well in Dr. Bratton's class does not mean he didn't struggle with other classes. Stark may be booksmart, and he may be loyal to the Marines, but he's obviously lacking some major positive character attributes that Marines (and civilians, for that matter) have.



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I'm a gun for hire, I'm a saint, I'm a liar
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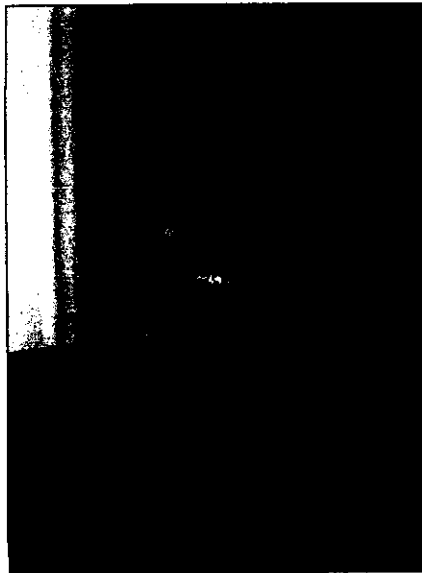
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Former UCA president pleads guilty of violating FOI law

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By SCARLET SIMS
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A former University of Central Arkansas president pleaded guilty Monday to a misdemeanor charge related to destroying a public document at the university in 2011.

Allen Meadors pleaded guilty of violating the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, a lesser misdemeanor charge than his original charge of tampering with a public record, Prosecutor Cody Hiland said Monday. The plea deal allowed Meadors to end litigation and pay a \$250 fine.

Meadors had face up to a year in jail or a \$1,000 fine.

"What we wanted was some accountability for destroying a

document that was related to the FOI," Hiland said.

Meadors' charge stemmed from a long-running investigation into a possible mishandling of a "grant" proposed by Aramark food vendor that was placed before trustees in 2011. A \$700,000 proposal to further renovations of the UCA president's residence was presented without strings attached by then Board of Trustees Chairman Scott Roussel.

In the Aug. 12, 2011 letter, Aramark's Brad Crosson wrote to Newton about an "unrestricted grant" to renovate the President's home. In exchange, the company asked UCA to agree to "an extension of our contract by seven years, to May 31, 2019, and request buyback protection."

Vice President for Finance and Administration Diane Newton told news outlets previously Meadors asked her to destroy the letter.

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Meadors resigned last September after trustees learned that Aramark's offer was contingent upon a seven-year contractual agreement in which Aramark would be UCA's sole food service provider. UCA agreed to pay Meadors more than \$500,000 and another \$225,325 from separate funds to buy out the remainder of his contract. Rousel resigned under pressure this past May, but he will not be charged with any crime, Hiland said previously.

UCA trustees approved a 10-year food service agreement with Aramark this past April.

Meadors did not respond to a query sent via an online social networking web site Monday. His attorney, Tim Dudley, did not return a message left at his office Monday morning.

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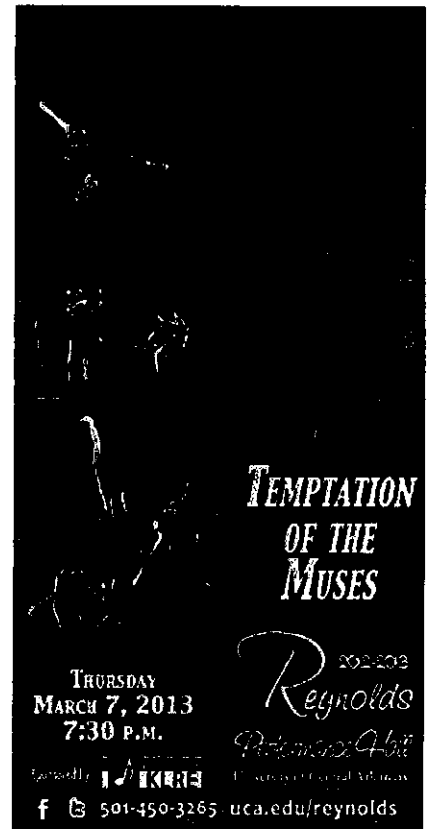
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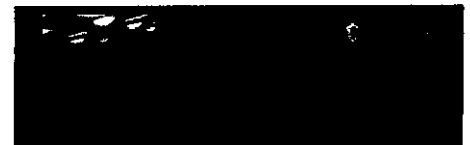
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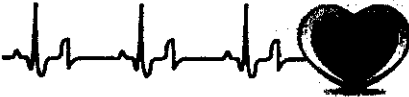

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Former UCA President pleads guilty to violating FOI law

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By SCARLET SIMS

A former University of Central

Arkansas president pleaded guilty Monday to a misdemeanor charge related to destroying a public document at the university in 2011.

Allen Meadors pleaded guilty of violating the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, a lesser misdemeanor charge than his original charge of tampering with a public record, Prosecutor Cody Hiland said Monday. The plea deal allowed Meadors to end litigation and pay a \$250 fine.

Meadors had face up to a year in jail or a \$1,000 fine.

"What we wanted was some accountability for destroying a document that was related to the FOI," Hiland said.

Meadors' charge stemmed from a long-running investigation into a possible mishandling of a "grant" proposed by Aramark food vendor that was placed before trustees in 2011. A \$700,000 proposal to further renovations of the UCA president's residence was presented without strings attached by then Board of Trustees Chairman Scott Roussel.

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In the Aug. 12, 2011 letter, Aramark's Brad Crosson wrote to Vice President for Finance and Administration Diane Newton about an "unrestricted grant" to renovate the President's home. In exchange, the company asked UCA to agree to "an extension of our contract by seven years, to May 31, 2019, and request buyback protection."

Newton told news outlets previously Meadors asked her to destroy the letter.

Meadors resigned last September after trustees learned that Aramark's offer was contingent upon a seven-year contractual agreement in which Aramark would be UCA's sole food service provider. UCA agreed to pay Meadors more than \$500,000 and another \$225,325 from separate funds to buy out the remainder of his contract. Roussel resigned under pressure this past May, but he will not be charged with any crime, Hiland said previously.

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Faulkner County has had its share of tragedy and triumph over the past year. From ordinary people doing extraordinary things to trusted officials being accused of less than honorable actions, those living in Conway and the surrounding areas have much to consider in terms of the big news stories for 2012. This is just a sampling of the stories that swirled through our community last year.

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1 UCA audit finds fraudulent behavior following arrests of authority figures

Officials at the University of Central Arkansas may have played favorites — including renewing a scholarship worth thousands for a student who might not be qualified — and turned a blind eye to questioning then Chief of Staff Jack Gillean about his missing key.

That key was used to break into buildings and steal exams to cheat on tests, according to a draft internal audit report. In the report, Internal Audit Director Pamela Massey wrote that the audit is meant to see “if there were additional security breaches” by Gillean. In her conclusion, she wrote the audit found that there has been “fraudulent behavior of upper administration in the last four years at UCA.”

According to Prosecuting Attorney Cody Hiland, Gillean gave his university keys to a student who stole test exams. Hiland said Gillean also filed an untrue insurance claim and lied on a credit application before he resigned suddenly from his post June 15.

If found guilty, Gillean could face 36 years maximum for all felony counts. Gillean has pleaded innocent.

Also pleading innocent is former UCA President Allen Meadors. Meadors, 65, is facing a charge of solicitation of tampering with a public document following allegations that he asked the university's vice president of finance and administration to destroy an FOI request related to the investigation of the possible mishandling of a “grant”

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proposed by Aramark food vendor that was placed before trustees last year.

2 Standoff with bear in tree makes national news

A five-hour standoff between emergency officials and a black bear perched in a tree ended with the animal being brought safely, though unconventionally, to the ground.

The bear was released soon afterward into the Ozark National Forest, an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission spokesman confirmed.

Events of the night before took the bear up a tree in the 2000 block of Foster Drive, a residential street in northwest Conway.

As the bear drew an audience of curious onlookers, it became clear to officials that the animal was not going to leave its perch some 40 feet above the ground.

The Conway Fire Department, Arkansas Game and Fish, Conway police and animal welfare officers devised an unorthodox plan to bring the bear down from the pine alive, while posing minimal threat to a host of spectators.

3 Incumbents rule on Election Night

Conway Mayor Tab Townsell was elected to his fourth term Tuesday night, defeating both challengers Mark Elsinger and Randy Herrold with a majority of the vote. Townsell faced his greatest challenge from the two challengers, who touted fiscal responsibility as the main reason a change was needed at the mayoral position. Townsell received 10,217 votes and 52 percent of the vote with Elsinger coming in second with 7,736 votes. Herrold came in third with 1,386 votes. The majority win leaves no doubt that a runoff is not needed. Townsell has served as Mayor since 1998.

Also, Faulkner County Judge Preston Scroggin, County Clerk Melinda Reynolds and Circuit Clerk Rhonda Wharton were each re-elected to their terms.

Election officials say nearly 60 percent of registered voters in Faulkner County cast ballots in the election.

"I am honored and humbled that the people chose to let me have two more years," Scroggin said. "I will not take that honor lightly."

Scroggin said he'll be "rolling up his sleeves" again on and getting back to work as usual.

"We are just going to continue to keep on doing what we've been doing to keep Faulkner County one of the best in the country," Scroggin said.

Andy Shock was easily elected as the next Faulkner County Sheriff.

4 Family tragedy when grandmother commits murder and suicide with blaze

After leaving a suicide note and neatly gathering important documents for safekeeping, a 63-year-old grandmother stabbed her 7-year-old granddaughter and then set fire to her residence, killing them both.

Authorities with the Faulkner County Sheriff's Department confirmed that Janice and Abby Robbins were both alive at the time of the blaze, early Saturday morning.

Emergency personnel discovered Robbins' body as well as the body of her granddaughter, Abby, when the fire was out.

According to Patrick F. Moore, Faulkner County coroner, evidence found after autopsies were performed on both bodies indicate that they were both alive at the time of the fire.

"Mrs. Robbins had fought to adopt Abby and friends of the family said that they could not believe that she would ever do anything to hurt Abby, much less this," Moore said. "This was a complete shock to many people in the community, especially at St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she was a loyal member."

5 Return of the 'toe sucker'

An appearance in District Court resulted in a short jail stint for Faulkner County's "toe-sucker," when his one-year suspended sentence was reinstated by Judge Amy

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