



# DEERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



## *PRESS RELEASE*

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
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On May 9, 2012 an arrest warrant was issued in Lake County, Illinois for David C. Dowell, a former civilian employee of the Deerfield Police Department, for the offenses of Official Misconduct (Class 3 Felony) and Theft (Class 2 Felony). Charges were sought after a preliminary investigation by the Police Department indicated Dowell was responsible for the theft of approximately \$250.00 U.S.C. that was taken during the course of his duties as an employee of the Department. The stolen funds were from monies collected for parking fees. Subsequent investigation by the Department and the Special Investigations Division of the Lake County State's Attorney indicated a series of acts resulting in the theft of U.S.C. totaling more than \$500.00 but less than \$10,000.00. Investigators are still attempting to determine the time period over which these thefts occurred.

Upon discovering the theft, Dowell was terminated as an employee with the Village of Deerfield. Chief John Sliozis advised that the "The Village of Deerfield and the Deerfield Police Department set a very high standard for the conduct of its employees and behavior of this type cannot and will not be condoned."

David C. Dowell, 50 years of age from Wauconda, Illinois held the position of Community Services Officer with the Department for 24 years. The position carried no Police Powers and was generally one of support services.

A Police spokesperson said on May 10, 2012 Dowell surrendered himself to Lake County authorities and appeared before a presiding Judge who set bond at \$15,000.00 (10% applies). Dowell was processed and released after posting the required bond. The matter was set for Preliminary Hearing on May 30, 2012 at 10:30 AM in Waukegan, Illinois.

A Class 3 Felony is punishable by 2-5 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$25,000.00. A Class 2 Felony is punishable by 3-7 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$25,000.00.

Due to the pending investigation and pending court case the Police Department and Lake County State's Attorney are unable to release any further information.