



**BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**Sheriff Steve Whisenant**  
**BURKE COUNTY CID/ NARCOTICS DIVISION**  
**PRESS RELEASE**

**Name:** Mychel Pendley Hefner  
**DOB:** 02/14/1980      **Age:** 39  
**Race:** White      **Sex:** Female  
**Address:** 2593 Orders Dr, Morganton, NC 28655  
**Charges:** (F) Embezzlement of Property by Office or  
Employment > \$100,000.00  
**Bond:** Written Promise  
**Court Date:** February 12, 2020



**Details:**

On February 07, 2020, Detectives with the Burke County Sheriff's Office received a package from the International Cesarean Network (ICAN) stating that their former treasurer, Mychel Pendley Hefner, had been misusing funds. They provided Detectives with numerous items showing that approximately \$26,119.00 had been taken. The International Cesarean Awareness Network is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve maternal-child health by reducing preventable cesareans through education, supporting cesarean recovery, and advocating for vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC).

Detectives interviewed Mrs. Hefner who admitted that she had been misusing funds and had attempted to pay back some of the monies. She stated that she had also admitted this to the board of directors and advised them she would pay back the funds.

Detectives charged Mrs. Hefner with Felonious Embezzlement of Property. She appeared before the magistrate and was given a written promise to appear with a first appearance court date of February 12, 2020.

**Agencies Involved:**

Burke County Sheriff's Office

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