## **Misappropriation - The Purcell Register : News**

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A lawsuit filed earlier this month in McClain County District Court alleges the defendant misappropriated more than \$125,000 while working for a tree service and land clearing company.

Tip Top Tree Service & Land Clearing LLC and Curtis Box are seeking more than \$75,000 each in actual and punitive damages from Heather Box.

According to the petition, Curtis Box discovered the alleged misappropriation after taking over the company's books.

Among the allegations outlined in the petition are that Heather Box failed to pay the company's property taxes or file a 2014 income tax return.

In addition, Heather Box allegedly wrote checks for her personal use to The Goldsby Store totaling at least \$18,870 in 2013, \$45,700 in 2014 and \$20,000 in 2015.

Further the petition alleges Heather Box wrote checks totaling \$35,300 for her personal use between 2013 and 2015.

The lawsuit also alleges Heather Box wrote checks on the company to drug dealers during the same period. Those checks total \$5,500.

A forensic audit will determine what other amounts were misappropriated by Heather Box, according to the petition.

The lawsuit makes reference to "many additional checks and completed wire transfers for which there is no accountability."