

Office of the Kane County State's Attorney



JOSEPH H. McMAHON

State's Attorney

Kane County Judicial Center
37W777 Route 38 Suite 300
St. Charles, Illinois 60175

General Offices: (630) 232-3500
Contact:
Christopher Nelson (630) 232-3500

MAN CHARGED FOR ALLEGEDLY STEALING \$262,000 FROM ELGIN CHURCH

March 13, 2020

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 38-year-old **Jeffery L. Parham** of Elgin of the offenses of:

- Theft, Class X felony
- Theft by deception, Class X felony
- Theft, Class 1 felony
- Theft by deception, Class 1 felony

Kane County prosecutors allege that between July 2017 and October 2018 Parham stole more than \$262,000 from Harvest Bible Chapel, in the 1000 block of Randall Road, Elgin.

Church officials called Elgin police in October 2018 after they discovered alleged bookkeeping irregularities. Elgin police determined that two church credit cards had been used for a total of \$262,056.88 during the period in question. The charges were not for church business. Parham has been on leave since October 2018.

Kane County Associate Judge Julia Yetter signed a warrant for Parham's arrest and set his bail at \$50,000, with 10 percent (\$5,000) to apply for bond. Bourbonnais police took Parham into custody March 12, 2020, and transported him to the Elgin Police Department, where he was booked, posted the \$5,000 bail and was released.

Parham's initial court appearance is set for 9 a.m. April 30, 2020, in Courtroom 311 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

The charges against Parham are not proof of guilt. Parham is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Jeffery L. Parham, Jr.: Age 38 (d.o.b. 9-2-1981), of the 3100 block of Kyra Lane, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 20CF240