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Cashier Charged With Stealing DC Mayor-Elect's Wallet

An employee at a Washington DC drugstore has been arrested and charged after police say she stole DC mayor-elect Vince Gray's credit card and later forged his signature to purchase items. Twenty-two-year-old Tamika Garris was working as a cashier at the CVS on Naylor Road when she allegedly pocketed Gray's plastic on Thanksgiving Day.

According to court documents, surveillance footage shows Gray leaving the wallet behind on the counter at around 2:30 p.m. at the CVS location in which Garris worked. Garris is said to be seen picking the lost wallet up and examining its contents for "several minutes." Police say that shortly before 5:00 p.m., cameras caught Garris using Gray's credit card at the register of another employee to purchase nearly \$14 worth of cigarettes.

Garris is then said to have left the Naylor Road CVS, going to Skyland Liquors on Savannah Street SE. She is said to have been caught again on separate surveillance cameras using Gray's card, reportedly to purchase just over \$25 in liquor. A receipt collected from the store was fradulently signed with the Mayor-Elect's name.

Garris was arrested December 2nd and charged with credit card fraud. It was not known whether she has been assigned or has retained a <u>Washington DC criminal lawyer</u> to face the charge. Gray's spokeswoman Doxie McCoy briefly spoke to press about the arrest, saying:

"I can confirm that [Mayor-Elect Gray's wallet] was taken and that someone was arrested. According to police, the suspect is a CVS employee."

Information about pending court dates in the case was not disclosed.

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