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Woman arrested in payroll fraud case

A 47-year-old woman was arrested Thursday and booked into Parish Prison on 13 counts of public payroll fraud.

Sharon Shelmire, 3461 Redlands Drive, lied several times between June 30, 2009, and Sept. 29, 2009, about the number of hours she worked at two full-time jobs, an affidavit of probable cause said.

Shelmire incorrectly filled out timesheets for both of her employers — the East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority and the University of New Orleans, the affidavit said.

She also stated on a “disclosure of outside employment” form with the university that she was employed with the housing authority part time instead of full time, the affidavit said.

The Louisiana Office of Inspector General initiated the investigation into Shelmire, the affidavit said. The state Attorney General’s Office made the arrest.