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Sisters Charged with Theft of Gift Cards

(AP) - Two sisters from St. Joseph are charged with stealing gift cards from a hospital where they volunteered.

St. Joseph police say 20-year-old Avery Nichelle Cary-Wilmes and 25-year-old Anyssa Naomi Beavers were charged Wednesday with felony theft/stealing. They allegedly stole gift cards from Heartland East Hospital Gift Shop, where they worked as volunteers.

According to probable cause statements, Cary-Wilmes stole 55 gift cards and Beavers stole 23 gift cards. The stolen cards were valued at \$6,782.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports the hospital reported an estimated \$50,000 in gift cards were stolen in the three years that Beavers was a volunteer.

The women were arrested Tuesday at Missouri Western State University, where they are students.

The sisters are scheduled for arraignment Friday. Online records don't indicate they have attorneys.

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