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2 cops convicted in robbery case

DETROIT -- Two former Detroit police officers were found guilty Wednesday of robbing a shoe store while investigating a burglary.

Linda Ruth Martin, 34, and Alvin Samuel, 35, face a possible four years **in** prison when they are sentenced April 23 by Chief Recorder's Judge Samuel Gardner.

The two were caught with \$33 **in** marked bills and some shoes from Marty Fuerst shoe store **in** northwest Detroit, where they were dispatched on a phony burglary. The Police Department staged the burglary after a series of unexplained burglaries **in** the neighborhood.

The officers were fired after the incident.

Samuel, who testified **in** his own defense, said he suspected the burglary call was staged by the Police Department's internal affairs section and intended to return the money to the precinct.

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