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HVAC Vendor Indicted After Overbilling Hardeman County on Multiple Occasions

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Jonathan Joy after he overbilled Hardeman County for the sale and installation of five air conditioning units.

Joy, who is the owner of Joy Heating & Air and is also a city council member of the City of Bolivar, was hired to install new air conditioners at multiple county facilities between August 2017 and June 2018.

Investigators determined that Joy installed air conditioners that were rated for less tonnage than what the county ordered, and then billed the county for products with more tonnage. For example, in January 2018, Joy installed a 6-ton air conditioning unit at the Hardeman County Health Department, and then invoiced the county for a higher priced 7.5-ton product.

Investigators determined that Joy overbilled the county \$1,609 for the sale and installation of five air conditioning units. The Comptroller's Office recommends county officials take immediate steps to recover the overbilled amount.

In May 2019, Jonathan Joy was indicted by the Hardeman County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$1,000 and one count of official misconduct.

To view the investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>

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