



Jason E. Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury

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Former Fentress County Deputy Used Fuel Card for Personal Vehicle

Former Fentress County Sheriff's Department Deputy Johnny Dishman is now facing an indictment after an investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office working in conjunction with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Investigators determined that Dishman purchased at least \$8,856.53 in fuel for his personal vehicle using his county authorized fuel credit card. The bulk of these purchases were made when Dishman was not working.

Dishman admitted to investigators that he started using his fuel credit card to buy fuel for his personal vehicle "a couple of years ago." He continued to do so until he was placed on administrative leave in March 2020. He formally resigned on June 15, 2020.

Comptroller investigators are also questioning an additional \$1,053.02 in fuel purchases made by Dishman.



In June 2021, the Fentress County Grand Jury indicted Johnny Carson Dishman on one count of theft over \$2,500, one count of fraudulent use of a credit card, and one count of official misconduct.

"The Fentress County Sheriff's Department must take steps to strengthen its policies and procedures surrounding fuel purchases," said Comptroller Jason Mumpower. "These policies may include requiring deputies to keep receipts or maintain a log of fuel purchases and performing monthly reconciliations to ensure deputies' reported purchases match the monthly fuel bill."

To view the investigative report, go to: <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/investigations/find.html>

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