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Work Vehicle Used for Uber, Lyft, and Door Dash in Hamilton County *Former Hamilton County Schools Transportation Director Indicted*

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller’s Office has resulted in the indictment of David Eaves, the former transportation manager for Hamilton County Schools. The investigation began after Hamilton County Schools officials reported the problem.

Investigators determined that Eaves used his work-assigned vehicle to perform work for commercial food delivery and rideshare services on at least 933 occasions during school work hours. Eaves spent at least 23,914 minutes working on behalf of these services during work hours which is equal to \$18,368.19 of misappropriated salary payments to Eaves.

Investigators discovered that he began misappropriating time to work for commercial food delivery and rideshare services during Hamilton County Schools’ work hours on March 20, 2017, the first day he was employed with Hamilton County Schools.



Eaves admitted to Hamilton County Schools officials that he used his work-assigned vehicle to make commercial food deliveries, which is against the school department policy that he signed.

The investigation also found that Eaves made at least \$1,475.91 in questionable fuel purchases using Hamilton County Schools funds while performing commercial food deliveries.

Eaves was suspended and placed on unpaid administrative leave in May 2022. He requested, and was granted, early retirement, effective July 1, 2022.

Based upon this investigation, in May 2024, the Hamilton County Grand Jury indicted David B. Eaves on one count of theft over \$10,000, one count of forgery over \$10,000, one count of violation of the Tennessee Personal and Commercial Computer Act over \$10,000, one count of destruction of and tampering with government records, and one count of official misconduct.

“Hamilton County Schools officials must ensure they provide adequate oversight of employees and the department’s fuel card usage,” said Comptroller Mumpower. “Hamilton County Schools should reconcile fuel purchases on a monthly basis and consider requiring employees to document where they traveled.”

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