



# CLARKSVILLE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

**Comptroller's Investigative Report**  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury conducted an investigation of selected records of the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, and the results are presented herein.

Copies of this report are being forwarded to Governor Bill Haslam, the State Attorney General, the District Attorney General of the 19th Judicial District, certain state legislators, and various other interested parties. A copy is available for public inspection in our office and may be viewed at <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin P. Wilson", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Justin P. Wilson  
Comptroller of the Treasury

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# INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

## CLARKSVILLE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury investigated allegations of malfeasance related to Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (school system). The Comptroller's Office initiated the investigation after officials with the school system reported questionable transactions related to a maintenance employee's procurement card.

### INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS

- **Former Clarksville-Montgomery County School System maintenance employee Shay Patterson misappropriated funds totaling at least \$1,750**

During the period March 2018 through May 2018, maintenance employee Shay Patterson misappropriated school system funds totaling at least \$1,750. Patterson perpetrated his scheme by making personal purchases using his school system-issued procurement card without the knowledge or approval of school system officials. These personal purchases included materials for a private remodeling project, fuel, cigarettes, personal auto insurance, and driver's license renewal. [Refer to Exhibits 1 and 2.]

In addition, Patterson inappropriately used the school system's government tax-exempt status on his personal purchase of remodeling supplies for a private project. As noted, he was not charged the required taxes. [Refer to Exhibit 1.]

#### Exhibit 1

- SALE -		
SALES#:	S3003CR3 1342248	TRANS#: 88262964 04-20-18
355358 WHITE SUBWAY CERAMIC MOSA 393.60		
	120 @	3.28
302927 WHITE + BLACK PINWHEEL MO 71.82		
	18 @	3.99
643503 WHITE RONDEC PVC TRIM 3/8 11.16		
	2 @	5.58
845138 QLT 24-IN DELUXE EGGBEATE 8.48		
240891 GP 1/2-4-8 DRYWLL 38.28		
	4 @	9.57
27172 2-4-10 TOP CHOICE KD WHIT 10.62		
	2 @	5.31
469294 KERDI MEMBRANE 3.25-PT X 204.00		
	2 @	102.00
5434 KERACOLOR S WHITE #00 25- 44.04		
	3 @	14.68
576086 UNCLING MEMERANE MRTAR G 29.76		
	2 @	14.88
SUBTOTAL:		811.76
TOTAL TAX:		0.00
INVOICE 01089	TOTAL:	811.76
	VISA:	811.76
VISA XXXXXXXXXXXX3485 XXXX XXXXXX		
CHIP REFID:300301235182 04/20/18 17:21:58		
CUSTOMER CODE: n		
APL: VISA CREDIT TVR: 0080008000		
AID: A000000003101001 TSI: F800		
3003 01 04/20/18 17:23:18 REF#: 089		
CUSTOMER: Clarksville Montgomery Cou		

Patterson used the school system procurement card to purchase tile and other materials for a private remodeling project.

Patterson used the school system tax-exempt status on this personal purchase.

Exhibit 2



Patterson used the school system procurement card to purchase cigarettes and fuel.

In May 2018, Patterson paid a total of \$1,750 to the school system for personal charges on his school system procurement card, claiming to school officials that the card had been mistakenly used by a family member. Patterson later admitted to Comptroller investigators that, without the knowledge or the authority of school officials, he used his school system procurement card for personal purchases. Patterson stated that he used the procurement card as a loan because he was in a temporary financial hardship. He further stated that he knew it was wrong to use the procurement card for personal purchases.

Patterson’s employment with the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System was terminated on May 17, 2018.

We referred this matter to the local district attorney general. On December 4, 2018, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted Shay Patterson on one count of Theft over \$1,000 and one count of Fraudulent Use of a Credit or Debit Card.