

CLARKSVILLE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Comptroller's Investigative Report January 3, 2019

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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 <u>http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/</u>.

Sincerely, Just P. Wills

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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

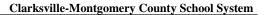
• Former Clarksville-Montgomery County School System maintenance employee Shay Patterson misappropriated funds totaling at least \$1,750

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.]**

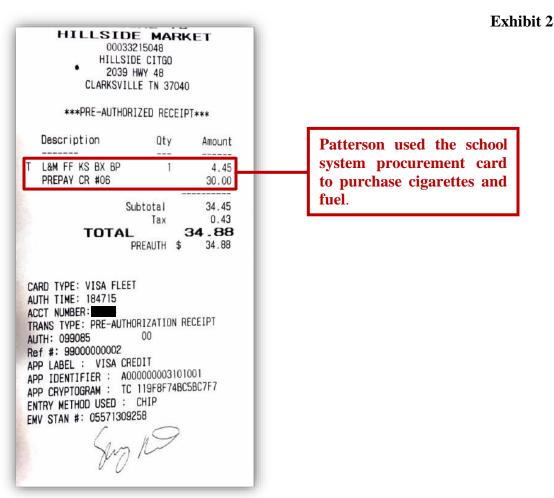
In addition, Patterson inappropriately used the school system's government tax-exempt status on his personal purchase of remodeling supplies for a private project. As noted, he was not charged the required taxes. **[Refer to Exhibit 1.]**

SALE SALES#: S3003CR3 1342248 TRANS#: 88262964 04-20-18 Patterson used the school 355358 WHITE SUBWAY CERAMIC MOSA 393.60 system procurement card to 120 @ 3.28 302927 WHITE + BLACK PINWHEEL MO 71.82 purchase tile and other 18 0 3 99 643503 WHITE RONDEC PVC TRIM 3/8 11.16 2 @ 5.58 845138 QLT 24-IN DELUXE EGGBEATE materials for a private 8.48 240891 GP 1/2-4-8 DRYWLL remodeling project. 38.28 9 57 4 0 27172 2-4-10 TOP CHOICE KD WHIT 10.62 2 0 469294 KERDI MEMBRANE 3.25-FT X 204.00 2 @ 102.00 5434 KERACOLOR S WHITE #00 25-44.04 3 @ 14.68 576086 UNCPLING MEMBRANE MRTAR G 29.76 Patterson used the school SUBTOTAL. 811 76 TOTAL TAX: 0.00 system tax-exempt status on INVOICE 01089 TOTAL: 811 76 this personal purchase. VISA: 811.76 VISA XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXX XXXXXX CHIP REFID: 300301235182 04/20/18 17:21:58 CUSTOMER CODE: n APL: VISA CREDIT TVR: 0080008000 AID: A00000003101001 TSI: F800 3003 01 04/20/18 17:23:18 REF#: 089 CUSTOMER: Clarksville Montgomery Cou

Exhibit 1







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. Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Investigation Exhibit