



COMPTROLLER'S INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

King University Wrestling and Fishing

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King University Management:

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury conducted an investigation of selected records of the King University Wrestling and Fishing, and the results are presented herein.

Copies of this report are being forwarded to Governor Bill Lee, the State Attorney General, the District Attorney General of the 2nd Judicial District, certain state legislators, and various other interested parties. A copy of the report is available for public inspection in our Office and may be viewed at <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason E. Mumpower", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

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Comptroller of the Treasury

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

King University Wrestling and Fishing

The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, in conjunction with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-4-209, investigated allegations of malfeasance related to King University’s women’s wrestling team and bass fishing team. The investigation was initiated after King University officials reported questionable purchases by a former employee. The investigation was limited to selected records for the period March 1, 2017, through October 18, 2024. The results of the investigation were communicated with the Office of the District Attorney General of the 2nd Judicial District.

BACKGROUND



Founded in 1867, King University (KU) is a private Christian university in Bristol, Tennessee, offering a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs. KU serves a diverse student body through its main campus, satellite locations, and online programs. In addition to its academic pursuits, King University is an NCAA Division II member and competes in Conference Carolinas. The university fields numerous men’s and women’s athletic teams.

KU hired Jason Moorman as the women’s wrestling coach on August 13, 2007. Moorman also served intermittently as the men’s wrestling coach, bass fishing coach, and assistant athletic director during his tenure. Moorman resigned from his KU employment on October 18, 2024.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

1. FORMER COACH JASON MOORMAN MISAPPROPRIATED KING UNIVERSITY FUNDS TOTALING AT LEAST \$38,895.96

The investigation found that Moorman used his assigned KU credit cards to make unauthorized personal purchases totaling at least \$38,895.96. The unauthorized personal purchases included:

A. Retail Purchases

Moorman made unauthorized retail purchases totaling at least \$18,858.19. This included purchases of home décor, clothing, personal fishing and hunting items (**Refer to Exhibit 1**), home maintenance items, car supplies, children’s school supplies, children’s toys, baby items, and personal electronics. According to KU officials, the personal fishing and hunting items purchased by Moorman were not allowed and were not used for KU’s bass fishing team. The personal electronics purchased by Moorman were not located by KU officials.

Exhibit 1

| Ticket: [REDACTED] | | | |
|---|-----|----------------|--------|
| Date: 11/7/23 | | Time: 12:06 PM | |
| Store: [REDACTED] | | Register: 1 | |
| Cashier: [REDACTED] | | | |
| Item | Qty | Price | Amount |
| CELSIUS SPARKLING MIXED BERRY 12OZ 2215309 | 1 | 2.89 | 2.89 |
| OXBOW TIM MAT MD 1748885 | 1 | 5.99 | 5.99 |
| OXBOW TIM MAT MD 1748885 | 1 | 5.99 | 5.99 |
| DMR UNIVERSAL URINE GUARD 1457223 | 1 | 8.99 | 8.99 |
| TL DEER CORN 1304641 | 1 | 10.99 | 10.99 |
| FFA DONATION 8700696 | 1 | 0.83 | 0.83 |
| Subtotal | | | 35.68 |
| Tax | | | 3.32 |
| Total | | | 39.00 |

November 7, 2023, receipt for the purchase of a single drink, two animal cage mats, an animal cage urine guard, deer corn, and an FFA donation

B. Restaurant Purchases

Moorman made unauthorized restaurant purchases totaling at least \$11,000.81. This included numerous restaurant purchases in Greeneville, Tennessee, where Moorman’s personal residence was located.

C. Grocery Purchases

Moorman made unauthorized grocery purchases totaling at least \$7,065.72. Unauthorized grocery purchases included dinner and breakfast items, pet food, home cleaning supplies, personal care items, and alcohol (**Refer to Exhibits 2 and 3**).

Exhibit 2

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| PE 6X8 HD TARP | 7.50 S |
| 430001482190-220 | |
| AMERICAN WILDFLOWER | 2.00 S |
| 023075086496-420 | |
| COORS LIGHT 8PK 16OZ | *7.95 S |
| 071990170462-112 | |
| REGULAR PRICE | 9.45 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$17.45 |
| Tax1 | \$1.70 |
| TOTAL SALE | \$19.15 |
| | \$19.15 |

June 2, 2022, receipt for the purchase of a tarp, wildflowers, and alcohol

Exhibit 3

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| VIC LTN MN XSTR-100Z | 4.00 S |
| 305210416390-102 | |
| CHARMIN SOFT 6 MEGA | *10.00 S |
| 030772016015-130 | |
| REGULAR PRICE | 10.50 |
| KLONDIKE 6PK | 4.50 N |
| 075856001105-112 | |
| VELVEETA LOAF 16 OZ | 5.50 N |
| 021000616893-111 | |
| ROTEL DICED TOMATOES | 1.50 N |
| 064144282432-111 | |
| FIREWOOD .65 ELHP | 6.50 S |
| 856680005305-220 | |
| FIREWOOD .65 ELHP | 6.50 S |
| 856680005305-220 | |
| SCOTT TOWELS 2 GIANT | 3.95 S |
| 054000496288-130 | |
| SUBTOTAL | \$47.95 |
| Tax1 | \$3.55 |
| Tax2 | \$0.78 |
| TOTAL SALE | \$52.28 |
| | \$52.28 |

January 14, 2024, receipt for the purchase of men's body lotion, toilet paper, dinner and snack items, firewood, and paper towels

D. Travel

Moorman made unauthorized travel purchases totaling at least \$1,793.33. Unauthorized travel purchases included local hotel stays for Moorman (**Refer to Exhibit 4**), RV resort stays, and a personal car rental. According to KU officials, no local hotel stays were approved for KU purposes.

Exhibit 4

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Jason Moorman | | Room Type: GENR | |
| King Wrestling Visit | | Number of Guests: 1 | |
| Rate: \$114.00 | | Clerk: LAP | |
| Arrive: 04Oct24 | Time: 03:42PM | Depart: 06Oct24 | Time: 12:58PM |
| | | Folio Number: 67452 | |

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | CHARGES | CREDITS |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 04Oct24 | Room Charge | 114.00 | |
| 04Oct24 | State Occupancy Tax | 6.04 | |
| 04Oct24 | Room Tax | 17.10 | |
| 05Oct24 | Room Charge | 114.00 | |
| 05Oct24 | State Occupancy Tax | 6.04 | |
| 05Oct24 | Room Tax | 17.10 | |
| | | BALANCE: | 274.28 |

October 4, 2024, hotel invoice in Bristol, VA for Moorman

E. Crowdfunding Donation

Moorman made an unauthorized crowdfunding donation totaling \$107.00. According to KU officials, no crowdfunding donation should have been made from the KU credit card.

F. Phone Application Purchases

Moorman made unauthorized phone application purchases totaling at least \$70.91. Phone application purchases included Apple, Inc. bill payments made on the KU credit card.

The table below summarizes Moorman’s misappropriation:

| Summary of Misappropriation | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| A. Retail Purchases | \$ 18,858.19 |
| B. Restaurant Purchases | \$ 11,000.81 |
| C. Grocery Purchases | \$ 7,065.72 |
| D. Travel | \$ 1,793.33 |
| E. Crowdfunding Donation | \$ 107.00 |
| F. Phone Application Purchases | \$ 70.91 |
| Total Misappropriation | \$ 38,895.96 |

2. FORMER COACH JASON MOORMAN MADE OTHER QUESTIONABLE PURCHASES WITH HIS KING UNIVERSITY ASSIGNED CREDIT CARDS TOTALING AT LEAST \$80,638.99

During the investigative period, Moorman used his assigned KU credit cards to make additional purchases that were questionable, totaling at least \$80,638.99. These purchases included certain retail, gas, grocery, restaurant, and travel expenses without adequate supporting documentation. Due to the lack of supporting documentation, investigators could not determine whether these additional purchases were for the exclusive benefit of KU or KU athletic teams.

| Summary of Questionable Transactions by Jason Moorman | |
|--|---------------------|
| Retail Purchases | \$ 26,328.31 |
| Gas Purchases | \$ 22,142.51 |
| Grocery Purchases | \$ 16,339.53 |
| Restaurant Purchases | \$ 12,674.00 |
| Travel Purchases | \$ 3,154.64 |
| Total Questionable Transactions | \$ 80,638.99 |

On June 15, 2026, Jason Moorman entered a plea of No Contest by way of Criminal Information to the Class C felony offense of Theft of \$10,000 or more but less than \$60,000 in Sullivan County Circuit Court. Moorman was granted judicial diversion relief pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-313 and was placed on supervised probation for a period of five years. Moorman was also ordered to pay restitution to King University in the amount of \$38,895.96.

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INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCY

Our investigation revealed a deficiency in internal control, some of which contributed to Moorman’s ability to perpetrate his misappropriation without prompt detection. This deficiency included:

Deficiency 1: King University officials failed to provide adequate oversight over the use of their credit card and purchasing procedures

KU officials failed to provide adequate oversight over the use of their credit card and purchasing procedures. Investigators noted the following deficiencies:

- A. KU officials did not have adequate internal controls over the use of credit cards. KU officials did not require employees who used credit cards to remit receipts or invoices for all purchases. Furthermore, investigators noted that administrative staff did not reconcile receipts to monthly credit card invoices or review charges for appropriateness before paying credit card invoices. Finally, credit card payments were not reconciled to bank statements to ensure all credit card invoices were fully accounted for. The lack of adequate internal controls over the use of credit cards greatly increases the risk of unauthorized or personal purchases without prompt detection.

- B. KU officials did not require that purchase orders be submitted by employees and approved by officials before making certain purchases. Purchase orders are necessary to control who has purchasing authority and to document purchasing commitments. The failure to require and issue purchase orders increases the risk of unauthorized purchases.

King University officials indicated that they have corrected or intend to correct these deficiencies.
