



Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller

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Fayette County Man Indicted for Theft and Official Misconduct

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller has resulted in the indictment of Neal Halvorson, the former director of the Town of Oakland's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department, and the current athletic director at Fayette County Schools.

Investigators determined that Halvorson was simultaneously employed by both the Town of Oakland and Fayette County Schools from November 28, 2016 through January 20, 2017.

During this time, Halvorson received improper compensation totaling \$6,631.09. This included money he was paid by the Town of Oakland while he was actually working for Fayette County Schools. Halvorson was also allowed to use a town vehicle and purchase fuel with the town's credit card while performing work for the school system.

On March 27, 2017, Neal Halvorson was indicted by the Fayette County Grand Jury on one count of theft of property, and two counts of official misconduct.

"The town of Oakland has clear policies concerning outside employment and using town property for private gain," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "It's critical that government leaders provide the necessary oversight to ensure policies are followed."

To view the investigative report online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>

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