



**Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller**

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## **Former Collierville Middle School Band Director Arrested for Theft**

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the arrest of Jason Seek, the former Collierville Middle School band director, after investigators determined he stole at least \$133,064 from the band booster club.

The investigation began after Collierville Schools officials reported receiving suspicious bank records from Jason Seek.

Investigators revealed that Seek used a variety of schemes to steal money from the band booster account over a five-year period from December 2011 through November 2016.

Seek withdrew cash, used the booster club's debit card, wrote checks, and transferred money from the booster club account for his personal benefit. Investigators noted that most of the cash withdrawals coincided with trips to various gambling establishments around the country.



Additionally, Seek created at least 13 false bank statements in an attempt to conceal his theft. Seek also signed the name of a former band booster treasurer on checks and on a false financial report to the school.

Seek admitted to investigators that he used booster club money for personal expenses and created false documents. He resigned from his position at Collierville Schools on April 20, 2017.

On November 22, 2017, Jason Seek was arrested on a charge of theft of property over \$60,000.

"Booster clubs are required by law to adopt procedures for safeguarding money, but many organizations have failed to do so," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "For most of the five-year period, the former band director was the only person who handled the booster club's money. When one person has total control, it invites the possibility of wrongdoing."

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

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