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Audit Finds Former Manager Stole More Than \$95,000 from Sevierville Municipal Golf Course

Faye Randolph, former manager of Sevierville's Eagles Landing Golf Club, stole more than \$95,000 from the club's coffers, an investigation by the Comptroller's Division of Municipal Audit has revealed.

Findings from the investigation were forwarded to local District Attorney General Jimmy Dunn to present to the Sevier County Grand Jury. That led to a seven-count indictment issued against Randolph last week on charges of theft, forgery, computer fraud, official misconduct and destruction of government records.

Randolph created records showing fictitious refunds for rounds of golf at the city-owned course in order to conceal the amount of cash she took from the club house between January 1, 2008 and March 14, 2010. Randolph destroyed the original records that reflected the actual amounts of money collected from course fees. The actual amounts collected were significantly higher than what Randolph reported on a regular basis.

Dennis Dycus, director of the Comptroller's Division of Municipal Audit, outlined the investigative findings in a letter sent to Sevierville's mayor and aldermen this week.

Auditors also discovered several weaknesses in accounting safeguards in the fee collection process at Eagles Landing that directly or indirectly contributed to Randolph's theft.

"This case illustrates, once again, that people who attempt to steal public funds run the very significant risk of getting caught," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "Ms. Randolph attempted to cover her tracks, but fortunately our auditors were able to determine what she was doing. I hope this will serve as a cautionary tale to anyone in a position of public trust who might be thinking about abusing that trust."

The investigative report can be viewed online at:

<http://www.comptroller1.state.tn.us/ma/FinancialInvestigativeReports.asp>

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