



## State of Tennessee

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### **Former Parsons Employee Takes Thousands of Dollars from the City**

A former Parsons employee made more than \$4,000 in fuel charges at the city's expense, an investigation by the Comptroller's Division of Municipal Audit has revealed.

Investigators found that Timothy Westbrook, a former employee of Parsons' street department, used the city's Fuelman card to purchase gas for his own personal use. A Fuelman card is like a credit card that can only be used at participating gas stations. Westbrook told city officials that he found the card while cleaning a city vehicle.

Dennis Dycus, director of the Comptroller's Division of Municipal Audit, outlined investigators' findings in a letter to Hansel McCadams, the district attorney general for the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

To read the letter online, go to: [http://www.comptroller1.state.tn.us/RA\\_MA/](http://www.comptroller1.state.tn.us/RA_MA/)

City officials are allowing Westbrook to reimburse the city for the fuel charges, which totaled at least \$4,176 between April 1 and December 31 of last year. Westbrook is on parole until 2018 on charges of robbery and voluntary manslaughter.

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