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## Local Business Owner Arrested for Defrauding Elderly Citizens Across Two Counties

In a joint effort, detectives of the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) have successfully apprehended 48-year-old Charles Allen, the owner of Tallahassee Mobile RV Repair, following extensive investigations into fraudulent activities impacting multiple local citizens.

The 11 victims, ranging in ages, including some over 65, fell prey to Allen's deceitful practices. Having engaged his services for RV repairs, these individuals made deposits and payments to Allen, only to discover that he failed to complete any of the promised repairs and refused to refund their money upon request.

On February 15th, LCSO's Financial Crimes detectives arrested Allen on charges including 2 counts of Larceny from Persons over 65 years of age, 2 counts of Grand Theft \$750 or more, but less than \$5,000, and 4 counts of Organized Scheme to Defraud \$300 but less than \$20,000.

The collaborative effort continued on February 16, 2024, as WCSO's Criminal Investigations Division secured seven arrest warrants, charging Allen with 7-Counts of Grand Theft \$750 or more, but less than \$5,000.

On February 19, 2024, LCSO'S Uniform Patrol deputies arrested Allen on the warrants from Wakulla County. Subsequently, he was transferred into the custody of Wakulla County Deputies to face charges in their jurisdiction.

Both the Leon County Sheriff's Office and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office reassure the public of their dedication to safeguarding citizens from such fraudulent schemes and encourage anyone with additional information related to this case to come forward by contacting LCSO's Financial Crimes unit at 850-606-3300 or WCSO's Criminal Investigations Division at 850-745-7100.

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ARRESTED: CHARLES ALLEN