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LCSO Corrections Officer Arrested for Fraudulent Timesheets

The Leon County Sheriff's Office arrested Corrections Officer James McClendon today after an audit of his timesheets.

The audit was conducted after LCSO Detention Facility staff noticed irregularities in his timesheets.

The audit showed he has turned in 23 fraudulent timesheets since February of 2017.

McClendon falsely claimed to have worked overtime, holidays, and additional shifts when he did not.

He was paid an additional \$17,165.10 by LCSO due to these fraudulent timesheets. This was from 619 hours of reported time.

McClendon has been suspended pending an internal investigation in accordance with agency policy.

48 year old McClendon was originally hired with the agency in 1996 and retired as a Corrections Sergeant in 2013. He was rehired with the agency in 2015.

ARRESTED:

James McClendon 06/17/1970

CHARGES:

One (1) Count of Grand Theft \$10,000 - \$20,000

One (1) Count of Organized Scheme to Defraud

One (1) Count of Uttering

One (1) Count of Forgery







