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For Immediate Release – Indictment of Myles Spires, Jr.

The Office of the State Prosecutor announced that the Grand Jury for Prince George's County, Maryland has returned a seven (7) count indictment charging Myles Spires, Jr. with Theft, Embezzlement, Misconduct in Office, Submitting a Counterfeit Invoice, Forgery, Uttering and Attempt to commit Theft.

Spires is the Mayor of Forest Heights, and has been the Mayor since the town council appointed him as Mayor on January 24, 2006.

The indictment alleges several separate schemes occurring at different times between July 14, 2006 and February 7, 2007. The first three counts allege that Mayor Spires, acting in his capacity as the mayor, stole and embezzled money from the Town of Forest Heights by obtaining false reimbursement checks. Specifically, Count I of the indictment alleges that Spires submitted a false reimbursement expense request for private investigative services in the amount of $2,500, which the town paid to Spires, while Count II alleges that Spires falsely obtained money by use of purported expense reimbursement checks. The last four counts allege that the Mayor counterfeited, forged and produced to his attorneys a false document entitled "Resolution 01-06—Payment of Legal Consultants" for the purpose of inducing his attorneys to seek payment for Spires' personal legal fees from the Town of Forest Heights, though no such resolution existed.

Spires, age 40, resides on Mohican Drive in Forest Heights, Maryland. At this time, Mr. Spires is only accused and is presumed innocent.

STATE OF MARYLAND
VS.

MYLES SPIRES, Jr.
207 Mohican Drive
Forest Heights, Maryland 20745
Date of Birth: 8/10/66

Indictment –
1. Felony Theft, *Criminal Law Article, § 7-104*
2. Embezzlement, *Criminal Law Article, 7-113*
3. Misconduct in Office, *Common Law*
4. Counterfeiting, *Criminal Law Article §8-609-b-1*
5. Forgery, *Common Law*
6. Uttering, *Common Law*
7. Attempt to Commit Theft, *Common Law*

(True Bill)

_____, Foreman

WITNESSES:

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STATE OF MARYLAND,
Prince George's County, to wit:

COUNT I

The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of Prince George's County do on their oath present that:

MYLES SPIRES, Jr.

at Prince George's County, aforesaid, on or about July 14, 2006, knowingly and willfully did steal by deception money and property having a value of five hundred dollars ($500.00) or more from the Town of Forest Heights, a municipal corporation, by submitting to the Town of Forest Heights a false reimbursement expense request for private investigative services in the amount of two thousand, five hundred dollars ($2,500), in violation of § 7-104(b), *Criminal Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland*, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.
(Theft Over $500.00, *Criminal Law Article §7-104(b)*)

COUNT II

The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of Prince George's County do on their oath further present that:

MYLES SPIRES, Jr.

at Prince George's County, aforesaid, from on or about June 29, 2006, and continuing until on or about August 31, 2006, being then and there the duly appointed and acting Mayor of the Town of Forest Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland, a municipal corporation, and owing a fiduciary duty to the Town of Forest Heights, did embezzle money by use of purported expense reimbursement checks, said money being the property of the Town of Forest Heights, in violation of § 7-113, *Criminal Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland*, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.
(Embezzlement, *Criminal Law Article §7-113*)

COUNT III

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of Prince George's County do on their oath further present that:

MYLES SPIRES, Jr.

at Prince George's County, aforesaid, from on or about June 29, 2006 and continuing through on or about August 31, 2006, being then and there the duly appointed and acting Mayor of the Town of Forest Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland, a municipal corporation, perverting the trust reposed in him as Mayor, in the performance of his official duties, did submit to the Town claims for reimbursement of expenses purportedly paid on behalf of the Town by the said MYLES SPIRES, well knowing that he had not incurred the expenses claimed and that the requests and invoices were false, against the peace, government and dignity of the State.
(Misconduct in Office, *Common Law*)

COUNT IV

The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of Prince George's County do on their oath further present that:

MYLES SPIRES, Jr.

at Prince George's County, aforesaid, between on or about January 29, 2007 and on or about February 7, 2007, with the intent to defraud the Town of Forest Heights, willfully did publish and cause to be published a counterfeit order for money, to wit: a counterfeit "Resolution 01-06 – Payment of Legal Consultants" purportedly from the Mayor and Town Council of Forest Heights which was accompanied by a letter from the law Firm of Joseph, Greenwald and Laake, P.A. requesting payment for attorney's fees in the amount of $21,484.38 (TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, FOUR-HUNDRED, EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS), in violation of §8-609, *Criminal Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland*, and against the peace, government and dignity of the State.
(Counterfeiting, *Criminal Law Article §8-609-b-1*)

COUNT V

The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of Prince George's County do on their oath further present that:

MYLES SPIRES, Jr.

at Prince George's County, aforesaid, on or about February 7, 2007, with the intent to defraud knowingly and willfully did falsely make and forge the signatures of Council members and the Town Clerk of Forest Heights on a document purported to be "Resolution 01-06—Payment of Legal Consultants", purporting the said signatures to be authentic, against the peace, government and dignity of the State.
(Forgery, *Common Law*)

COUNT VI

The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of Prince George's County do on their oath further present that:

MYLES SPIRES, Jr.

at Prince George's County, aforesaid, on or about February 7, 2007, with the intent to defraud, knowingly and willfully did utter and publish as true and genuine a falsely made and forged document, to wit: a signed document purported to be "Resolution 01-06—Payment of Legal Consultants" of the Mayor and Town Council of Forest Heights, against the peace, government and dignity of the State.
(Uttering, *Common Law*)

COUNT VII

The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of Prince George's County do on their oath further present that:

MYLES SPIRES, Jr.

at Prince George's County, aforesaid, on or about January 29, 2007, did attempt to steal by deception money from the Town of Forest Heights in the amount of $21,484.38 (TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, FOUR-HUNDRED, EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS), by counterfeiting and causing to be published a document purported to be "Resolution 01-06—Payment of Legal Consultants", and by forging the signatures of Council members and the Town Clerk on said document, knowing said document to be counterfeit and said signatures to be unauthentic, against the peace, government and dignity of the State.
(Attempt to Commit Theft, *Common Law*)

Robert A. Rohrbaugh
Maryland State Prosecutor

TO THE PERSON CHARGED:

1. This paper charges you with committing a crime.

2. If you have been arrested, you have the right to have a judicial officer decide whether you should be released from jail until your trial.

3. You have the right to have a lawyer.

4. A lawyer can be helpful to you by:

   (A) explaining the charges in this paper;
   (B) telling you the possible penalties;
   (C) helping you at trial;
   (D) Helping you protect your constitutional rights; and
   (E) Helping you get a fair penalty if convicted.

5. Even if you plan to plead guilty, a lawyer can be helpful.

6. If you want a lawyer but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. The court clerk will tell you how to contact the Public Defender.

7. If you want a lawyer but cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the court clerk as soon as possible.

8. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR TRIAL TO GET A LAWYER.** If you do not have a lawyer before the trial date, you may have to go to trial without one.