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Ex- treasurer charged in theft

Joplin Police arrested the ex-treasurer of Heartland Crime Stoppers for felony stealing on Monday. Matthew L. Paige, age 34 was charged with felony stealing for the theft of \$3200.00 from Crime Stoppers funds.

Paige was the treasurer from July of 2012 through mid-April of 2013. The executive board became aware of inconsistencies on the account and conducted an audit. As a result the theft was reported to the Police Department.

The Jasper County Prosecutors office filed a charge of felony stealing, with a bond of \$5,000.

A photograph of Paige is attached to this release.

PAIGE, MATTHEW LAWRENCE



Photo Date: 06/03/13

PAIGE, MATTHEW LAWRENCE (W M 06/16/1978)