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HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Hendersonville – The Henderson County Sheriff's Office arrested 41-year-old Robert James Parille the former adult program director at the Henderson County Parks and Recreation Department. A true bill of indictment was handed down by a Henderson County Grand Jury and he was charged with felony larceny by employee. He is currently in the Henderson County Detention Center under an \$80,000 secured bond. The arrest is the culmination of an ongoing investigation, which partnered the Sheriff's Office and the newly created Auditor's Office within Henderson County Government. The full investigation remains ongoing.

As part of the newly created internal audit program the Parks and Recreation Department was selected for an audit. This was the first of many regular and rotating audits, which will occur within each department of Henderson County Government. As a result of this audit, suspicious behavior was discovered. The auditor handling this investigation was Darlene Burgess. County Manager Steve Wyatt contacted the Sheriff's Office and turned over all information related to the audit to detectives. Detectives with the Sheriff's Office continued to thoroughly investigate all suspicious behavior, gathered detailed records and worked hard to ensure a solid resolution to this issue.

"The Henderson County Sheriff's Office greatly appreciates the honesty and effort Henderson County Government has put forth on this issue" says Sheriff Rick Davis. "This is a prime example of how local government and local law enforcement can work in concert to protect the best interests of the people of Henderson County." "All situations like this are taken seriously by law enforcement and county government; the detectives working this case at the Sheriff's Office have done a tremendous job compiling a tremendous amount of information and evidence in this case."

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