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GOVERNMENT UNION OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH FELONY THEFT

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The president of Local 900 of the American Federation of Government Employees used a union credit card to rack up more than \$20,000 in personal expenses, authorities say.

In an indictment made public Tuesday, Andrew Wallace, 47, of the 5900 block of Theodore Avenue in St. Louis, was charged with felony theft. The indictment alleges that Wallace used the union-provided credit card to make purchases that weren't union-related between September 1991 and May 1994.

The grand jury in St. Louis County indicted Wallace Aug. 4. Assistant prosecutor **Bret Rich** said Tuesday that Wallace was arrested Aug. 14 in Pike County by an agent of the Missouri Conservation Department.

The agent caught Wallace throwing a beer can in a river, checked the state computer and found a fugitive warrant out for Wallace's arrest on the felony charge, Rich said.

Wallace is free on \$15,000 bond. Through a spokeswoman at the union offices at 9700 Page Boulevard in Overland, Wallace said he would have no comment on the allegations.

Rich said the investigation of Wallace was conducted by U.S. Labor Department investigators Ralph Amelung and Mary Ann Campbell.

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