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**PRESIDENT OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION
CHARGED IN CASE INVOLVING EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

RIVERSIDE – The president of the Riverside County School Board Association (RCSBA) was charged today, June 19, 2019, with four felonies including embezzlement of public funds.

William Clarence Newberry, DOB: 1-19-60, of Corona, has been charged with one count each of embezzlement of public funds and misappropriation of public funds, as well as two counts of grand theft.

In November 2018, Tom Hunt notified the DA's Office that he had recently become treasurer of the RCSBA and found what he believed to be suspicious activity on the association account. The funds in the account are primarily dues paid by the 23 Riverside County school districts the association represents.

The DA's Office initiated an investigation and, based on the evidence, found that between December 2013 and February 2017, Newberry used the RCSBA debit card without authorization to make personal purchases and pay personal bills. The amount totaled about \$17,000.

During the investigation, it was also determined that, between March 2012 and July 2017, Newberry also used a checking account belonging to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Climate Booster Club to pay personal bills and make retail purchases for personal items. The amount totaled about \$23,000.

The case, RIF1902580, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Emily Hanks of the DA's Public Integrity Team.

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