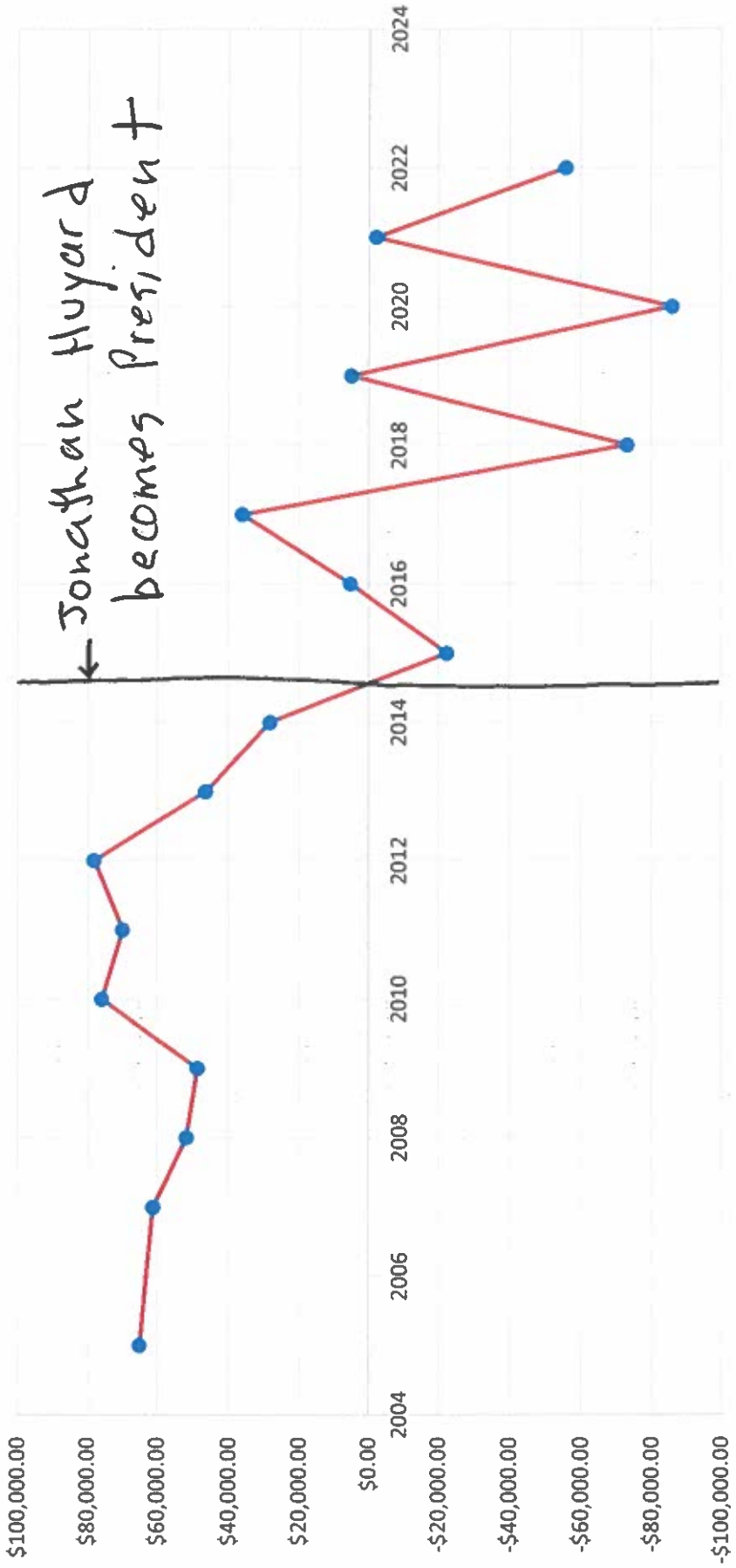


Granite Pool Profit



## Data from 990-Tax>Returns

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Revenue	214,349	9,371	212,411	242,129	246,970
Expenses	149,337	12,250	151,317	190,465	198,401
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,012</b>	<b>-2,879</b>	<b>61,094</b>	<b>51,664</b>	<b>48,569</b>

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Revenue	258,781	260,418	259,107	262,273	258,452
Expenses	181,357	190,563	181,091	215,963	230,158
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,830</b>	<b>69,855</b>	<b>78,016</b>	<b>46,310</b>	<b>28,294</b>

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Revenue	259,085	266,261	262,101	250,708	259,045
Expenses	281,828	261,010	225,919	323,941	254,033
<b>Total</b>	<b>-22,743</b>	<b>5,251</b>	<b>36,182</b>	<b>-73,233</b>	<b>5,012</b>

	2020	2021	2022
Revenue	189,796	304,395	344,826
Expenses	275,825	306,533	408,949
<b>Total</b>	<b>-86,029</b>	<b>-2,138</b>	<b>-64,123</b>

Why won't the Board obey the Bylaws and show the receipts?

"Cause to be kept a complete record of all its corporation affairs, including a Book of Minutes, and make such records available for inspection by any member". (ARTICLE VIII - d.).

Why won't the board obey the State Law?

(§ 13.1-933. Inspection of records by members)

Where is all the money going?

Why does the Board kick out Members who ask questions?

What are they hiding?

What are they hiding?

3/26/2024

## Short 3 Minute Speech

From: Sarah Ramsey  
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Phone: 804-837-7275

My name is Sarah Ramsey

Thank you for allowing me to speak to the Public Safety Committee.

How would you like to swim in a pool that's green?

How would you like to go into a bathroom where the floors are dangerously slippery?

How would you like to see Porta Potties at the pool because there is no running water?

How would you like to go to an "Annual Membership Meeting" only to find the door locked, with no meeting, no election, and no Board of Directors.

Then, how would you like to be told that there's no money to correct these Public Safety Violations?

Wouldn't you want to know where *your* Membership money went which was entrusted to the Board?

Well this happened to us.

After seeing my pool going to hell in a handbasket, I started to ask questions and what I learned was disturbing. I learned that serious bylaws and state laws were being broken.

So we started pursuing remedies under the Criminal Code. That's when RPD Detectives told *me* that I must investigate the crime because RPD does not possess qualified Detectives. So I did.

Then, when I tried to file a police report and turn in the evidence that I spent 8 months collecting, I was denied. RPD said that embezzlement "Civil Matter" despite what the Virginia Law says.

This seems to be a pervasive theme in America now; claiming that something is a "Civil Matter".

When Americans have their cars and houses **stolen** by degenerates, the police claim that's a "Civil Matter".

And when citizens go to RPD **with evidence** to report a crime of Embezzlement, they are turned away and told that it is a "Civil Matter".

Despite being jerked around, I did managed to get a police report and was told that they will be investigating the case "to the fullest" only to later learn that the investigation is being sandbagged with a bogus search warrant that was addressed to the wrong bank, expired, unsigned, and supposedly executed at the very same second that it was filed with the Clerk.

Meanwhile, unelected directors continue to be complicit in operating a swimming pool where hundreds of thousands of dollars have gone missing with little to no explanation.

When I confronted the Chief of Police about the investigation, he said he needs more young men in the Police Academy. Do you learn how to be a forensic accountant in the academy? Do the men learn how to read spreadsheets when they are doing push ups? How does that work?

How can we get a police force who possess the qualifications to investigate embezzlement?

Listen, there might come a time when **YOU** will need the police to investigate a crime. Who will be there? Will you be turned away and told that the crime which was perpetrated against you is simply a "Civil Matter"?

Finally, I want to thank Miss. Trammell and Mr. Bishop for your support. And Kristen Nye, you mentioned before that you are not a member of Granite but I hope to get your support on this matter being that Granite is in *your* District. There are over a thousand Members that go to Granite, so this Public Safety Issue is affecting a lot of people.

Thank you,  
Sarah Ramsey

3/26/2024

Longer Speech

From: Sarah Ramsey  
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Phone: 804-837-7275

Greetings,

My name is Sarah Ramsey...

Thank you for allowing me to speak to the Public Safety Committee.

How would you like to go swimming in a pool where the water has turned green?

How would you like to go into the Pool's bathroom where the floors are dangerously slippery because there are no safety mats to protect pregnant women and children from falling and getting hurt?

How would you like to ask a Lifeguard at the Pool for a band aid and be told they don't have any?

How would you like to see Porta Potties at the pool because there is no running water in the bathrooms or snack bar?

And how would you like to go to the "Annual Membership Meeting" of the Pool where members find the door locked, with no meeting, no election and none of the Board of Directors show up, including Director Patel who is a Richmond lawyer, and Director Rizk whose wife is a Richmond judge?

Then, how would you feel if you met with the "President" of the pool who's been a Chief Financial Officer tell you that there's no money to correct these Public Safety Violations?

Wouldn't you want to know where your membership money went, which was entrusted to the Board of Directors?

Well this happened to us.

This Pool is a Nonprofit Corporation and we exhausted all remedies provided to us under both the pools bylaws and the Corporate Code.

So we started pursuing remedies under the Criminal Code, which includes Crimes against Property, which in turn includes Embezzlement. We didn't feel like our Membership money had been Safe with the Pool's current Board of Directors.

The embezzlement code states: "If any person wrongfully and fraudulently use, dispose of, conceal or embezzle any money... which he shall have received for another... by virtue of his office ... he shall be guilty of embezzlement..."

Embezzlement is, in fact, a crime, and it does not exclude nonprofits, charities or government. It applies to *everybody* and it can, indeed, be prosecuted by local law enforcement, which includes the local prosecutors.

Our tortuous journey involving the city government started with RPD Detectectives telling *me* that I must investigate the crime for RPD because RPD does not possess a qualified person to investigate embezzlement. So I did. I investigated for 8 months. And after I accumulated so much evidence that required a flash drive, I tried to file a police report only to be lied to by the 911-non-emergency dispatcher who told me that embezzlement is not a criminal matter despite what the code of virginia says § 18.2-111. After speaking with others in RPD, I finally managed to get a police report at which point RPD said that they will be investigating the case to "the fullest" only to later learn that the investigation is being sandbagged with a bogus search warrant. (warrant)

What is going on here?

The Chief says he needs more strong young men in the Police Academy before they can investigate embezzlement. Do you learn how to be a forensic accountant in the academy? Do the men learn how to read spreadsheets when they are doing pushups? How does that work? I can't imagine that someone who wants to be a beat police officer and someone who wants to be a Certified Forensic Accountant are cut from the same cloth.

My latest contacts with Richmond City Officials and State Legislatures told me, the victim, to force the government to enforce the law? How does that even work? How do I make law enforcement investigate crimes such as embezzlement? For I am not the only citizen in Richmond who has been told to go away that it's "a civil matter". I have spoken to half a dozen citizens who have tried to report the crime of embezzlement to RPD only to be told that embezzlement is not criminal. Not criminal! That's insane! Look at the code! (Show Code § 18.2-111)

Furthermore, why am I holding a bogus search warrant addressed to the wrong bank, expired, not signed, supposedly executed at the same second as it was filed with the Circuit Court, and with no FAX tracking numbers.

Meanwhile, unelected directors continue to be complicit in operating a swimming pool where hundreds of thousands of dollars have gone missing with no explanation.

Now I stand here before more Richmond officials, some of whom look strangely familiar from my swimming pool, and ask you,

Who is in charge here?

What is going on?

How will you help fix these problems?

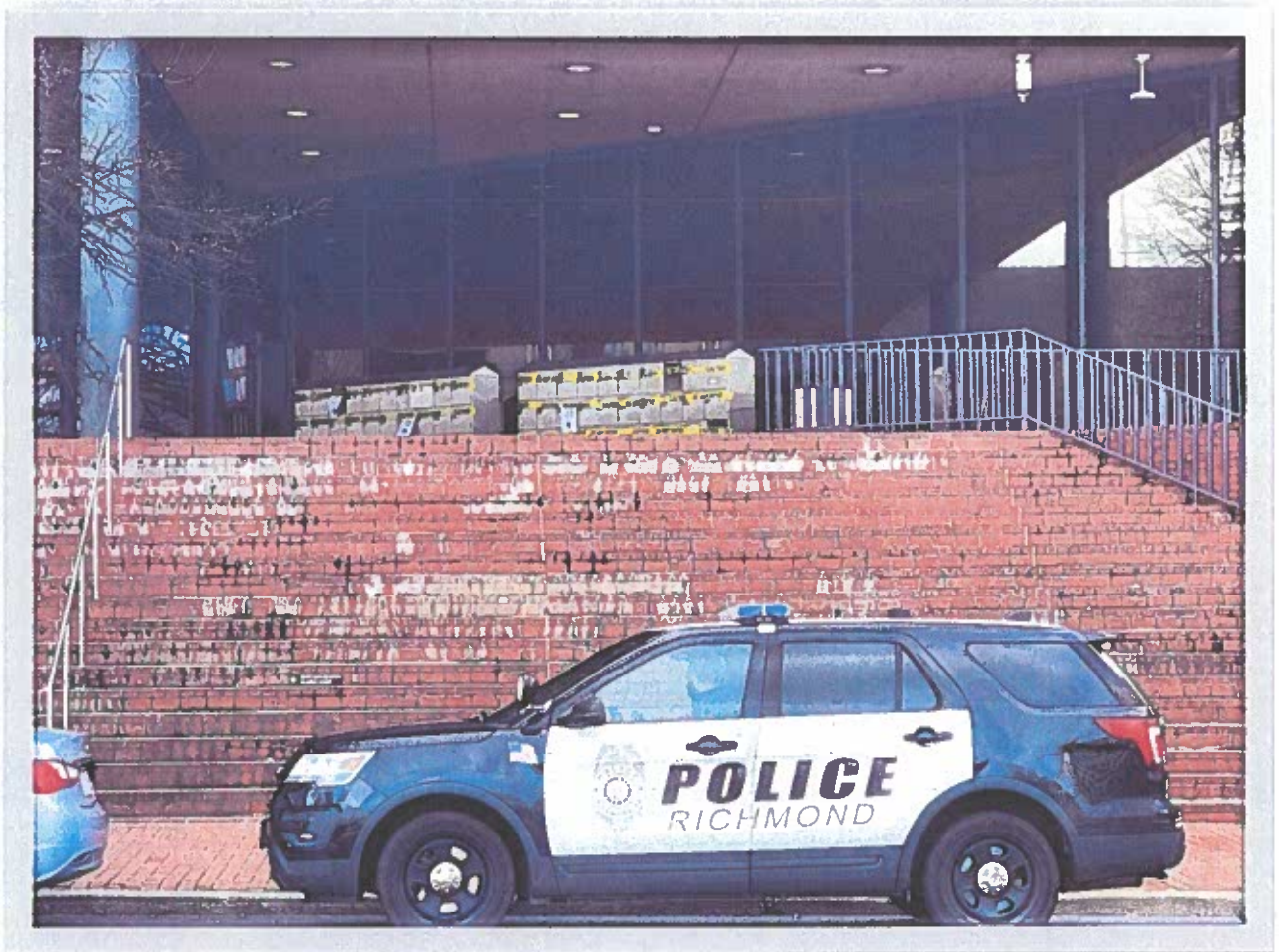
How can we get a police force who possess the qualifications to investigate embezzlement, not only for me, but for EVERYONE, for a day might come for you in the future when you will need the police to investigate embezzlement. Who will be there to help you? Will you be turned away like they tried to do to me and tell you that embezzlement is simply a "Civil Matter"?

Sincerely,  
Sarah Ramsey

# A CITIZEN'S EXPERIENCE

*From Community Walks  
to the Steps of the Courthouse*

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Officer Nicholas Odehnal (RPD), Detective Marley Williams (RPD), Sergeant Nicholas Castrinos (RPD), Lt. Brian Corrigan (RPD), Precinct Commander - Acting Captain Frank Scarpa (RPD), Major Darrell Goins (RPD), Chief of Police Rick Edwards (RPD), John Bullard (Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney), John Jung (Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney), Elisabeth Linka (Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney), Colette Wallace McEachin (Commonwealth's Attorney)

Dear Team,

Because I care deeply about RPD's Investigation into Granite Pool's Embezzlement, I would like to share with you some of my concerns regarding the Search Warrant for "*Atlantic Union account for Granite Recreation Corporation*".

After you have read the information that I provided, I would be much obliged for *your* analysis and explanation of the Atlantic Union Search Warrant.

Additionally,

- Have any other Search Warrants been Issued or Executed besides the one for Atlantic Union?
- Have any Subpoenas been issued in relation to Granite Recreation Corporation?
- Is Officer Nicholas Odehnal still working the Granite Pool Investigation, and if not, then who is working the case now?
- Is the Granite Recreation Corporation Embezzlement Case still an open investigation?

Thank you again for all of your hard work and all that you do to protect the City of Richmond.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Ramsey

1. Please see Attachment for Images of the *Atlantic Union Search Warrant*.
2. Please see Attachment if you would like to read the letter below in PDF format.

**§ 19.2-54. Affidavit preliminary to issuance of search warrant; general search warrant prohibited; effect of failure to file affidavit.**

"Such affidavits are open to inspection by the public after the warrant that is the subject of the affidavit has been executed or 15 days after issuance of the warrant, whichever is earlier." (§ 19.2-54.)

**§ 19.2-56. To whom search warrant directed; what it shall command; warrant to show date and time of issuance; copy of affidavit to be part of warrant and served therewith; warrants not executed within 15 days.**

"Any search warrant not executed within 15 days after issuance thereof shall be returned to, and voided by, the officer who issued such search warrant."  
(§ 19.2-56.)

**Brief Background**

07/13/23	I contacted RPD Sergeant Nicholas Castrinos about filing an embezzlement complaint. He said that he would look at the information but thought that Nonprofit Social-Club Embezzlement is a "Civil Matter" despite what the Code of VA says. (§ 18.2-111.)  After speaking with Castrinos on the phone, I sent him evidence regarding Granite's financials in an email with multiple PDF files.
7/22/23	Police Report was filed in Richmond, VA. for Embezzlement.
9/19/23	Met in person to give Statements and Evidence to Sergeant Nicholas Castrinos, Detective Marley Williams, and Officer Nicholas Odehnal. Castrinos said there was enough probable cause for a BANK SUBPOENA.
10/31/23	The Atlantic Union Search Warrant states that it was issued by the Magistrate on October 31, 2023.
11/08/23	Requested status update from Odehnal, Williams and Castrinos. (email)
11/16/23	I attended the 5th District Councilmember's Town Hall Meeting at Patrick Henry School. Before the meeting, I spoke privately to the Commonwealth's Attorney, Colette McEachin, and gave her a folder of information pertaining to the Granite Embezzling Case.

	<p>Right after the meeting began, I spoke privately to the Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney (Elisabeth Linka).</p> <p>After Police Chief Rick Edwards gave his presentation, he invited questions from the group and I inquired about the general subject of how Richmond handles Embezzlement cases. Ms. Lynch, who hosted the meeting, inquired whether the case was for a Nonprofit. I acknowledged that it was. The Chief described the process and asked for details which I gave publicly. He said he would check on the progress of the case. I wanted to know if a SUBPOENA had been done? Rick Edwards texted Castrinos for answers during the Town Hall Meeting. After Edwards texted Castrinos, Edwards said that Castrinos would be in touch with me soon.</p> <p>After the meeting, I talked privately with 5th District Councilmember Stephanie Lynch. Stephanie's liaison Amy Robins was also at the meeting.</p>
12/06/23	<p>Went to 4th District Councilmember Kristen Nye's "Holiday Social". Spoke to Kristen about the Granite Case, since Granite is located in her District. Asked Kristen Nye if she was a Member of Granite Pool and Kristen responded, No. Also spoke to Timmy Siverd, her Liaison, whom I had spoken with on the phone previously.</p>
12/08/23	<p>December 8, 2023, Officer Nicholas Odehnal stated that, "Search warrants have been sent in to the bank." (Email)</p>
12/09/23	<p>I expressed concerns to Odehnal about which bank the alleged Search Warrants went to. Emailed the following...</p> <p>"I want to make sure that you are aware that there are multiple banks at play here. After I started poking around, the Directors decided to move Granite's money to different banks."</p> <p>"Wells Fargo Bank Cap One Money Market Bank Bank of America Village Bank? ?????????????"</p>
12/11/23 11:03 AM	<p>Called the Richmond Clerk of the Court and she could not locate the Search Warrant or Affidavit for Search Warrant.</p>
12/14/23 8:46 AM	<p>Called the Richmond Clerk of the Court and she could not locate the Search Warrant or Affidavit for Search Warrant.</p>
12/14/23 6:59 PM	<p>Asked Castrinos, Williams, Odehnal, Attorney Linka, and Attorney McEachin by email the following....</p> <p>"Please provide me with the Case Number for the "Search Warrants". Please provide the dates in relation to the "Search Warrants".</p>

	<p>Please provide any other relevant information regarding the "Search Warrants" that was sent to "The Bank"          What bank(s) did the "Search Warrants" go to?          Granite has had more than one bank.</p> <p>Additionally, Ms. Linka, you mentioned that it would take six months before there are any records at the Richmond Circuit Court and that it would also take six months before "the bank" would provide any records in response to the "search warrants".</p> <p>As I communicated with Nicholas Odehnl, I want to make sure that you are aware that there are multiple banks at play here. After I started poking around, the Directors decided to move Granite's money to different banks."</p> <p>"Subpoenas and/or Search Warrants should have gone out to the following, such as but not limited to.....          Wells Fargo Bank          Cap One Money Market Bank          Bank of America          Village Bank?          ??????????"</p>
12/15/23	Sergeant Nicholas Castrinos stated, "We have issued a search warrant to one entity". (Email)
12/18/23 12:46 PM	Called the Richmond Clerk of the Court and she could not locate the Search Warrant or Affidavit for Search Warrant.
12/18/23 2:44 PM	I asked Odehnl and Williams by email, "I am looking for anything that would validate the existence of a "Search Warrant" that was sent to "The Bank".
12/20/23	Went on Police "Community Walk" - Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 in the Fan located at Floyd Ave and Meadow St. Spoke to Maj. Goins, Capt. Scarpa, and Lt. Corrigan. Told Lt. Corrigan that I can't find proof of a Search Warrant regarding Granite.
12/22/23	Lt. Corrigan (RPD) says, "Off. Odehnl provided the magistrate with an affidavit for a search warrant". (Email)
12/29/23 12:14 PM	Called the Richmond Clerk of the Court and she could not locate the Search Warrant or Affidavit for Search Warrant.
1/05/24	Went to the Courthouse in person and was told that there was no Affidavit for Search Warrant on file with the Clerk of the Court. (Problem; see § 19.2-54.)

	<p>No Affidavit for Search Warrant was found by the clerks. I called the clerks' attention to "VA. Code § 19.2-54. Affidavit preliminary to issuance of search warrant; general search warrant prohibited; effect of failure to file affidavit". The Clerks affirmed that the Affidavit should be on file if it did in fact exist.</p> <p>On a previous day, when inquiring about the existence of a Search Warrant, I spoke to a Court Clerk on the phone who told me that there would never be an Embezzlement Search Warrant regarding a Nonprofit on file with the Clerk's Office because the Commonwealth's Office does not do Nonprofit Embezzlement Cases. The Clerk told me that Nonprofit Embezzlement is a Civil Matter. During the phone call, the Clerk put me on hold to ask if Linka knew anything about the Search Warrant. When he took me off hold, he said very little and quickly hung up. This conversation concerned me greatly which is why I decided to speak with Elisabeth Linka in person.</p> <p>On Jan. 5, 2024, I spoke to Elisabeth Linka in person at the courthouse and asked about the Search Warrant and was told that she was not at all involved in the Search Warrant. Linka had no answers for me as to why the Affidavit For Search Warrant was not on file with the Clerk of the Court, for Linka thought that I would NOT be able to see the Affidavit until the Search was completed. I showed Linka the VA Code § 19.2-54 to which she responded that she does not have anything to do with the case at this point and that all of my questions should be directed at RPD.</p> <p>Linka told me that she would not be involved in the case until bank records come back from a Search Warrant.</p> <p>NOTE: (The Affidavit was not sealed.)</p>
1/08/24	<p>January 8, 2024 · 11:52 hours, Atlantic Union Search Warrant "Executed".  January 8, 2024 · 11:52 hours, Search Warrant stamped "Received and Filed · Circuit Court".</p> <p><i>"No information available"</i> listed on the Search Inventory and Return page.</p> <p>The Atlantic Union Search Warrant indicates that it was Executed 70 days after the Search Warrant was issued by the Magistrate. (Problem; see § 19.2-56.)</p>
1/10/24	<p>Went to the Courthouse in person and was told that there was no Embezzlement § 18.2-111. Affidavit for Search Warrant or Search Warrant on file with the Clerk of the Court regarding Granite.</p> <p>After being told on the phone by the Richmond Court Clerk that Nonprofit Embezzlement is a Civil Matter, and that there would <i>never</i> be an Embezzlement Search Warrant regarding a Nonprofit on file with the Clerk's Office because the Commonwealth's Office does not do Nonprofit Embezzlement Cases, I decided to</p>

	<p>go to the records room to find out for myself. I wanted to see if I could find <i>any</i> Embezzling Cases involving Nonprofits. I could not. Both on January 10th and on several other days, I spent many hours reviewing dozens of cases and went through many years and could not find a single Nonprofit Embezzlement Case, whether is be a 501(C)(3), 501(C)(7), or any other 501(C), that the Commonwealth had prosecuted. In fact, not only could I not find any cases involving Nonprofits, I could not find anything that was remotely similar. The closest thing I could find was an Embezzlement Case where a lawyer Embezzled \$60,000 that John Bullard worked on. I was excited by John Bullard's work so I decided to see if he was willing to speak with me on the fly. He was. But why couldn't I find any decent Nonprofit Embezzlement Cases? Nonprofit Embezzlement is a crime too. The Code of VA, § 18.2-111, does not <i>exclude</i> Nonprofits.</p> <p>Had a meeting with John Bullard and John Jung in person about Granite and about how there is no Search Warrant or Affidavit for Search Warrant on file with the Clerk of the Court. The meeting with John Bullard went well. It turns out that Bullard has also been a member of a swimming pool for many years so he was very familiar with what I was talking about. I explained to Bullard that I thought that he would be the perfect guy for the Granite Pool Embezzlement Case. Bullard and Jung took some of the information that I had with me that day. And then on a later date, I brought them the flash drive and some spreadsheets which Jung provided to Linka.</p>
1/11/24	Odehnal says, "To follow up on the search warrant completed, there was <i>not enough information</i> from the bank to go forward with the investigation.(Email)
12:21 PM	I concluded that the Search Warrant should be on file with the Clerk of the Court.
1/11/24	Called the Richmond Clerk of the Court and she cannot locate the Search Warrant or Affidavit for Search Warrant.
1:18 PM	
01/11/24 1:34 PM	<p>I emailed Odehnal....</p> <p>"Please provide me with the "Search Warrant Number" so the clerk of the criminal circuit court can print me a copy of the "SEARCH WARRANT" and the "AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT."</p> <p>"I would also like for you to take a picture of the front page of the "AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT " and send it to me to help ensure that the clerk of the court can locate the records on file"."</p>
01/11/24 2:08 PM	Odehnal emails, "The SWN is 760CM2300008940. We do not take pictures of search warrants or affidavits however, the SWN will be sufficient enough for them to find it for you. If you would like us to continue with the case please send a bank that you believe the information will be at".

1/11/24 2:19 PM	Called the Richmond Clerk of the Court and she cannot locate the Search Warrant or Affidavit for Search Warrant.
01/11/24 2:37 PM	I emailed Odehnl... "The Cleks of the Court cannot locate the search warrant based on the SWN that you provided. Search warrants and an AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT is public record so there shouldn't be an issue if you take a photo of either document so they can locate the records. The Clerks keep telling me to tell you to send me a picture. If you still don't feel comfortable for whatever reason then please send me the information necessary for us to pull the records. Such as.. The file number in the top right hand corner of the record. Sometimes they call this a CM number.  Send me the date that the Magistrate signed and issued the affidavit."
01/11/24 2:49 PM	Odehnl emails me a picture of the Search Warrant.
1/11/24 2:52 PM	The Clerk of the Court called me but I missed the call. (804-646-6553.)
1/11/23 2:56 PM	I called back the Clerk of the Court 804-646-6553 and the Clerk told me that she found the Search Warrant regarding Granite Recreation Corporation.
01/11/24 4:03 PM	I asked Odehnl by email... "Why did you write the search warrant for Atlantic Union? Where did you get that name from?"
1/12/24 Time 14:36:38	The Atlantic Union Search Warrant was furnished to me in person by the Clerks of the Richmond Circuit Court on January 12, 2024. Notice that the Search Warrant was not written to any of Granite's banks.
01/12/24 4:24 PM	Odehnl responds back to my 1/11/24 4:03 PM email and writes...  "On our first meeting the information you gave me was for <b>Atlantic Union</b> . The email you sent within the past few weeks has now several other banks in the greater Richmond area. In order to continue this case I will need one bank that you believe is the most likely to hold information relevant to the case. I cannot write a search warrant for every bank within the city for Richmond or surrounding area."

	<p>NOTE: I do not respond to the notion that I told Odehnl to go after Atlantic Union Bank, or that I expect him to write a Search Warrant for every bank within the City of Richmond or the surrounding area.</p> <p>It looks to me like the entire case is being sandbagged.</p>
1/17/24	<p>Went to RPD Headquarters and participated in the Police "Community Walk". Spoke to Maj. Darrell Goins and expressed to him some of my concerns about the Search Warrant.</p>
01/22/24	<p>I emailed Odehnl the following...</p> <p>"I would like some clarification on the SEARCH WARRANT for Atlantic Union Bank regarding Granite Recreation Corporation.</p> <p>In the email on Jan 11, 2024, 12:21 PM (11 days ago) you said, "there was not enough information from the bank to go forward with the investigation" however, the SEARCH WARRANT says, "No information available".</p> <p>"Not enough information" implies that there was in fact some information. So, did you get some information from the bank but it just was "not enough information", or did you get "no information" from Atlantic Union Bank like the SEARCH WARRANT says?</p> <p>If you could please clarify what you received that would be excellent so that way we are all on the same page and so we all know how to move forward.</p> <p>I am told that you are working a beat, so I have attached the SEARCH WARRANT and the AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT to this email so you can easily reference what you wrote down."</p>
01/23/24	<p>Odehnl emails back and says.....</p> <p>"No information came back from Atlantic Union Bank for the search warrant. I was told by the circuit court clerk to word the search warrant as I did."</p>
2/1/24	<p>John Jung emails me the following....</p> <p>"After reviewing any complaint, my next course of action would be to refer the investigation to one of our attorneys. I have learned that the detectives have already been consulting with Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Elisabeth Linka on this case. I understand you have corresponded with her as well. I have forwarded the flash drive and the spreadsheet to Ms. Linka. Ms. Linka will keep</p>



	<p>me apprised of any development on the investigation. She will contact you as well once she has heard back from the police department on the status of the investigation.</p> <p>As Mr. Bullard mentioned to you during our meeting, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office does not itself have any investigators as we are not an investigative agency. We are regularly consulted by the police department on their investigations, but the investigation itself has to be conducted by the Police. Once the police department concludes its investigation we can decide what charges, if any, are appropriate.</p> <p>Please continue to communicate with Ms. Linka. I have Cc'd her on this e-mail."</p>
2/08/24	<p>Went to Woodland Heights Civic Association Meeting. A panel of Police gave a presentation and the audience expressed concerns about traffic tickets. The panel then opened the meeting to questions. Police said that we could address our complaints straight to them. Lt. Brad Nixon gave the green light for the citizens to "gripe" at them.</p> <p>I asked the Panel questions about the differences between Civil and Criminal Matters; specifically about Embezzlement. Captain Frank Scarpa addressed my questions. Scarpa said that the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and RPD are working hard on the Granite Embezzlement Case and RPD has done a "Search Warrant". I tried to ask follow-up questions about the Atlantic Union Search Warrant but was unsuccessful.</p>
3/1/24	<p>I have no updates on the investigation.</p> <p>I am unaware of any additional Search Warrants or Subpoenas at this time.</p> <p>It is unknown at this time if the Granite Pool Embezzlement Case is still being "worked".</p>

## **EMBEZZLEMENT IS A CRIME.**

*VA CODE § 18.2-111*

## Was the Search Warrant Legitimate?

### A. Wrong Bank

#### Search Warrant

1. The SEARCH WARRANT and AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT, for the crime of Embezzlement, was written for "**Atlantic Union account for Granite Recreation Corporation**".

#### Problem with Search Warrant

2. The SEARCH WARRANT and AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT were written for the wrong bank. Despite telling Odehnal, Williams, and Castrinos verbally, by email, and with a Flash Drive, that according to the Board Minutes, Granite had primarily been banking at WELLS FARGO and CAPITAL ONE MONEY MARKET (2021 and 2022 Minutes).

In the 2023 Board of Directors Minutes, Bank of America (BofA) was named as the "current" bank. And, in those same minutes, the Treasurer said that they were "exploring opening new bank accounts w/ Village Bank".

Despite having the Granite Board Meeting Minutes, Odehnal decided to write the SEARCH WARRANT for the **Atlantic Union account for Granite Recreation Corporation**.

### B. Warrant Expired

#### Search Warrant

1. The Atlantic Union Search Warrant states that it was executed more than 15 days after the magistrate issued the Search Warrant.

(Issued - 10/31/2023) + (Executed - 01/08/2024) = [Difference - **70 days**]

**Problem with Search Warrant**

2. According to the Code of Virginia "Any search warrant not executed within 15 days after issuance thereof shall be returned to, and voided by, the officer who issued such search warrant." (§ 19.2-56.)

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title19.2/chapter5/section19.2-56/>

**C.  
Executed and Filed in the Exact Same Second**

**Search Warrant**

1. The Atlantic Union Search Warrant stated that it was executed on 01/08/2024, 11:52 hours and Stamped by the Circuit Court on 01/08/2024, 11:52 hours.

**Problem with Search Warrant**

2. It is impossible for the Search Warrant to be executed at the *exact* same time that the Clerk of the Criminal Circuit Court would have Stamped "Received and Filed - Circuit Court".

**D.  
Not Certified**

**Search Warrant**

1. The *Search Inventory and Return* page (EXECUTION Column) was **never Certified to the Richmond Circuit Court and Dated.**

**Problem with Search Warrant**

2. The *Search Inventory and Return* page (Execution Column) was **never Certified to the Richmond Circuit Court and Dated.**

**E.  
Not Signed**

**Search Warrant**

1. Officer Odehnl *never signed as the **Executing Officer*** (In the EXECUTION column on Search Inventory Page); in fact, no one signed as the Executing Officer. It's blank.

**Problem with Search Warrant**

2. Officer Odehnl *never signed as the **Executing Officer*** (In the EXECUTION column on Search Inventory Page); in fact, no one signed as the Executing Officer. It's blank.

**F.  
Victims' Privacy Violated**

**Affidavit For Search Warrant**

1. The victims' names were on the Affidavit For Search Warrant.

**Problem with the Affidavit For Search Warrant**

2. Officer Odehnl put the victims' names on the **Affidavit For Search Warrant**. This is not appropriate. Both I, Sarah Ramsey, and my mother, Janet Ramsey, told Odehnl, Williams, and Castrinos that we have been subtly threatened and were retaliated against, and we did not want our names out there because we were in fear as to what might happen to us. We said we wanted to remain anonymous. RPD agreed to keep our names private when they took our Statements, but RPD did not in fact honor our *Victims' Rights to Privacy*.

Odehnl could have put the word "Informant" instead of the victims' actual names.

**§ 19.2-11.01. Crime victim and witness rights.**

“In recognition of the Commonwealth's concern for the victims and witnesses of crime, it is the purpose of this chapter to ensure that the full impact of crime is brought to the attention of the courts of the Commonwealth; that crime victims and witnesses are treated with dignity, respect and sensitivity; and that their privacy is protected to the extent permissible under law.”

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title19.2/chapter1.1/section19.2-11.01/>

## **G. Insufficient Time Period**

### Search Warrant

1. The Search Warrant was written to Atlantic Union and the request for bank records was for the period beginning 01/01/2022 to 10/31/2023.

### Problem with Search Warrant

2. The President of Granite, Johnathan Huyard, came on board as President in late 2014. Suspicion of embezzlement is based primarily on IRS-990-Tax>Returns from the period of 2005 to 2022, as well as the 2022 so-called Annual Membership Meeting, P&L's, Budgets, Minutes, and Newsletters. Also there was a notice of "Tax Sale" for non-payment of property taxes. This means that had Granite not paid the property taxes that were in arrears, the property would have been auctioned off. So if any Search Warrant for Bank Records is to be done, then it should be done for 7 years of bank records; the greatest number of years that one can request from a bank. (Source – Bank Teller).

Executing a SEARCH WARRANT for bank records for the time period of 01/01/2022 to 10/31/2023 is not a long enough time frame. The Board of Directors was tipped off as to the Members' investigation into Granite's financials at the end of September of 2022.

If a Search Warrant for bank records is to be successful for the Alleged Embezzlement Granite Pool Case, then one needs more than a year's worth of data. Demanding less than a year's worth of data from Granite's *multiple* banks is not a long enough time frame to prove what's been going on at Granite for the last 7 to 9 years in regards to the financials.

The longer RPD takes to get Granite's bank records, then the less amount of data one can retrieve from any given bank. Time is of the essence, for every day that goes by is another day of data that cannot be retrieved from the banks.

## H. Bankers Denied Execution

1. According to the bank workers at Atlantic Union Bank, located at 1051 East Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23219, no Search Warrant was Executed at said location on 01/08/2024 at 11:52 hours.

a. Was the Search Warrant for "*Atlantic Union account for Granite Recreation Corporation*" in fact successfully executed 70 days after the Magistrate E.G. Chery issued said Search Warrant? Especially given the fact that the Code of VA says, "Any search warrant not executed within 15 days after issuance thereof shall be returned to, and voided by, the officer who issued such search warrant."(19.2-56).

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title19.2/chapter5/section19.2-56/>

**SEARCH WARRANT**  
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE §§ 19.2-56, 19.2-57

**TO ANY AUTHORIZED OFFICER:**  
You are hereby commanded in the name of the Commonwealth to forthwith search the following place, person or thing:

Atlantic Union Bank  
Attn: Rachel Lape, Registered Agent  
1051 East Cary Street  
  
Richmond, VA 23219

for the following property, objects and/or persons:  
All account records of Atlantic Union Bank account[s] in the name of Granite Recreation Corporation for the period beginning 1/1/22 to 10/31/23; including: A. authorized names of the account, signature cards, monthly account statements, checks, debits or withdrawals for the account, deposits and deposited items (front and back), electronic deposit information, information related to other account deposits. This search warrant does not authorize or prohibit a specific manner of execution.

This SEARCH WARRANT authorizes a search of a place of abode which may be executed by initial entry of the abode  only in the daytime hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., unless prior to the issuance of this SEARCH WARRANT, law-enforcement officers lawfully entered and secured the place to be searched and remained at such place continuously OR  at any time for good cause shown.

As this SEARCH WARRANT authorizes a search of a place of abode, you are required to be recognizable and identifiable as a uniformed law-enforcement officer and to provide audible notice of your authority and purpose reasonably designed to be heard by the occupants of the place to be searched prior to the execution of this SEARCH WARRANT.

You are further commanded to seize said property, persons, and/or objects if they be found and to produce before the Richmond \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit Court an inventory of all property, persons, and/or objects seized.

This SEARCH WARRANT is issued in relation to  an offense substantially described as follows:  
 a person to be arrested for whom a warrant or process for arrest has been issued identified as follows:  
Violation of Virginia Code 18.2-111 Embezzlement

Supplemental sheet attached and incorporated by reference. Number of supplemental pages \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, have found probable cause to believe that the property or person constitutes evidence of the crime identified herein or tends to show that the person(s) named or described herein has committed or is committing a crime, or that the person to be arrested for whom a warrant or process for arrest has been issued is located at the place to be searched, and further that the search should be made, based on the statements in the attached affidavit sworn to by

Odehnal, N. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature)*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
 CLERK  MAGISTRATE  JUDGE  
E. G. Chery

10/31/2023 03:06 PM  
DATE AND TIME

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FILE NO.

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**SEARCH WARRANT**

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

v/In re

Atlantic Union account for \_\_\_\_\_  
Granite Recreation Corporation \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED AND FILED  
CIRCUIT COURT  
11:52  
JAN 08 2024  
EDWARD F. JENETT, CLERK  
BY: *(Signature)* D.C.

SWN: 760CM2300008940

**SEARCH INVENTORY AND RETURN**

The following items, and no others, were seized under authority of this WARRANT:

1. No information available
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_

The statement above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief

01/08/24  
DATE

NA Odehnaul #4020  
EXECUTING OFFICER

Subscribed and sworn before me this day

1-8-24  
DATE

Megan Romasinski, D.C.  
CLERK MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**FOR NOTARY PUBLIC'S USE ONLY:**

State of \_\_\_\_\_ | City | County of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Acknowledged, subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY REGISTRATION NUMBER      NOTARY PUBLIC  
(My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_)

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**EXECUTION**

Executed by searching the within described place, person or thing.

01/08/24 11:52 hrs  
DATE AND TIME EXECUTED

NA Odehnaul #4020  
EXECUTING OFFICER

Certified to \_\_\_\_\_

Circuit Court on \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

EXECUTING OFFICER

Received  in person  by certified mail  
 by electronically transmitted facsimile

On \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

**RECEIVED AND FILED  
 CIRCUIT COURT**  
11:52  
**JAN 08 2024**  
 EDWARD F. JEWETT, CLERK  
 BY LIA D.C.

**AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT**  
Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 19.2-54

The undersigned Applicant states under oath:

- 1. A search is requested in relation to  an offense substantially described as follows:  
 a person to be arrested for whom a warrant or process for arrest has been issued identified as follows:  
 Virginia Code Section 18.2-111 Embezzlement

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 EDWARD F. JEWETT, CLERK  
 BY [Signature] VA DC

- 2. The place, person or thing to be searched is described as follows | ] and is a place of abode  
 Atlantic Union Bank  
 Attn: Rachael Lape, Registered Agent  
 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1200  
 Richmond, Virginia, 23219

[ ] CONTINUED ON ATTACHED SHEET

- 3. The things or persons to be searched for are described as follows:  
 Copies of the account records of Atlantic Union Bank account in the name of Grants Recreation Corporation for the period beginning 01/01/2022 through current. The specific records to be delivered shall include, but are not limited to, all authorized names on the account, signature(s) cards, copies of monthly account statements, copies of any and all checks, debits or withdrawals for this account, copies of any and all deposits and deposited items (front and back), all electronic deposit information, and any information related to any other deposits made into this account.

[ ] CONTINUED ON ATTACHED SHEET

FILE NO.
<b>AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT</b>
<b>APPLICANT:</b> Nicholas Odehnal NAME Officer TITLE (IF ANY) 301 S Meadow St, Richmond, VA, 23220 ADDRESS 301 S Meadow St, Richmond, VA, 23220
Certified to Clerk of RICHMOND CITY CITY OR COUNTY Circuit Court on 11/3/23 DATE MAGISTRATE TITLE [Signature] SIGNATURE
Original Delivered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in person [ ] by certified mail <input type="checkbox"/> by electronically transmitted facsimile <input type="checkbox"/> by use of filing/security procedures defined in the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act
to Clerk of Richmond CITY OR COUNTY WHERE EXECUTED Circuit Court on 11-3-2023 DATE Mag. TITLE [Signature] SIGNATURE

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4. The material facts constituting probable cause that the search should be made are:  
See Attachment A

5. The object, thing or person to be searched for  constitutes evidence of the commission of such offense  is the person to be arrested for whom a warrant or process for arrest has been issued.

6.  Authorization to execute a search warrant of a place of abode other than in the daytime hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. is requested. The material facts constituting good cause for such authorization are:  
This is not an abode.

Reasonable efforts were made to locate a judge, and a judge is not available, before seeking authorization from a magistrate to execute a search warrant other than in the daytime hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., with those reasonable efforts being as follows:

OR  Reasonable efforts were not made to locate a judge as the following circumstances require the issuance of the search warrant after 5:00 p.m.:

7.  I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit AND/OR  
 I was advised of the facts set forth in this affidavit, in whole or in part, by one or more other person(s). The credibility of the person(s) providing this information to me and/or the reliability of the information provided may be determined from the following facts:  
This affiant is an officer working for the Richmond Police Department with over 8 years of experience. This affiant has investigated numerous financial crimes committed in the City of Richmond. Janet Ramsey provided detailed information related to this case in person at 3rd Police Precinct.

The statements above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Officer

TITLE OF APPLICANT

NA Odehual  #HORO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day.

10/3/23 2:47PM  
DATE AND TIME

  
MAGISTRATE

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**Attachment A**

On 01/22/2023, the complainant, Sarah Ramsey, provided a multitude of information pertaining to what she described as embezzlement from the Granite Recreation Corporation. The information provided indicates that from the year of 2022 there are financial discrepancies throughout the year from what was posted on the Granite website and what was cited in the IRS tax forms. The complainant stated that this started when the current president of the organization, Jonathan Huyard, became president. The complainant has also stated that she believes that Mr. Huyard has taken out a private loan with the funds from the Granite Recreation Corporation funds.

This affiant believes that the Atlantic Union account records requested will confirm or dispel the allegation of embezzlement made by Ms. Ramsey.

Search Warrant photo provided by Odehna.

FILE NO.
SEARCH WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
<i>v. In re</i>
Atlantic Union account, for _____
Granite Recreation Corporation _____
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SWN: 760CM2300008940

Sarah,

There are different rules for search warrants written to banks. The 15 days rule for execution applies, but the search warrant is not filed until the sought information is returned. The stamp date on the search warrant you refer to in your notes on 1/8/24 is when the search warrant was filed with the clerk, not the date it was executed. Please see Virginia Code § 19.2-56(A) for further information:

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-57, any search warrant for records or other information pertaining to a customer of a financial institution as defined in § 6.2-604, money transmitter as defined in § 6.2-1900, commercial business providing credit history or credit reports, or issuer as defined in § 6.2-424 may be executed within the Commonwealth by hand, United States mail, commercial delivery service, facsimile, or other electronic means upon the financial institution, money transmitter, commercial business providing credit history or credit reports, or issuer. The officer executing such warrant shall endorse the date of execution thereon and shall file the warrant, with the inventory attached (or a notation that no property was seized) and the accompanying affidavit, unless such affidavit was made by voice or videotape recording, **within three days after the materials ordered to be produced are received by the officer from the financial institution**, money transmitter, commercial business providing credit history or credit reports, or issuer. The return shall be made in the circuit court clerk's office for the jurisdiction wherein the warrant was executed. Saturdays, Sundays, or any federal or state legal holiday shall not be used in computing the three-day filing period. For the purposes of this section, the warrant will be considered executed in the jurisdiction where the entity on which the warrant is served is located.

We are still investigating this case. We will be wrapping up our investigation sometime in the next two-three months.

As I have said before, as a matter of course, we do not release investigative details to the public. I will be in communication with you with the final outcome after all the evidence is tabulated and we consult with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

Thank-you for your patience.

Very Respectfully,

Sergeant Nicholas Castrinos

Third Precinct Property Crimes

(804) 646-1144

Sergeant Nicholas Castrinos,

Thank you so much for taking the time out of your day to respond to my embezzlement search warrant concerns.

Sgt. Castrinos	Response
<p>“There are different rules for search warrants written to banks.”</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>
<p>“The 15 days rule for execution applies”</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>“The 15 days rule for execution applies” which means that the Atlantic Union Search Warrant <i>should</i> have been voided which would also mean that Atlantic Union Search Warrant is not a legitimate Search Warrant.</p> <p>“Any search warrant not executed within 15 days after issuance thereof shall be returned to, and voided by, the officer who issued such search warrant.” (§ 19.2-56.)</p> <p>Sgt. Castrinos, I am glad to know that we are on the same page with this topic. Yes, we both agree that “the 15 days rule for execution applies” This means that the <i>Atlantic Union account for Granite Recreation Corporation</i> Search Warrant was not a legitimate Search Warrant.</p> <p>Has there been a <i>legitimate</i> Search Warrant Executed yet, for it has been 228 days since you took my statement. It doesn’t appear that there has been any progress made.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EXECUTION</b></p> <p>Executed by searching the within described place, person or thing</p> <p>01/08/24 1152 hrs DATE AND TIME EXECUTED</p> <p>NA Odehual #4020 EXECUTING OFFICER</p>	<p>Certified to Clerk of</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RICHMOND CITY</b> CITY OR COUNTY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Circuit Court</p> <p>on 10/21/23 DATE</p> <p><b>MAGISTRATE</b> TITLE</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i> SIGNATURE</p>
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(Source: Photo of Atlantic Union account for Granite Recreation Corporation Search Warrant) (FILE NO. 1830)

“The 15 days rule for execution applies”

<p>“The <i>search warrant</i> is not filed until the sought information is returned.”</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>The <b>Police</b> do not file the Search Warrant until the sought information is returned.</p> <p>However, it is important to note that the <b>Magistrate</b> must file the Affidavit within seven days after the issuance of such warrant and shall by such clerk be preserved as a record and shall at all times be subject to inspection by the public after the warrant that is the subject of the affidavit has been executed or 15 days after issuance of the warrant, whichever is earlier; (§ 19.2-54.)</p>
<p>“The stamp date on the search warrant you refer to in your notes on 1/8/24 is when the search warrant was filed with the clerk, not the date it was executed.”</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>The stamped date on the Search Warrant is the day that the Search Warrant was filed and the stamped date does <b>NOT</b> indicate the day and time that it was executed.</p> <p>You must look at the <i>EXECUTION</i> portion of the Search Warrant to know when it was Executed.</p> <p>It is important to note that the day and time that the Search Warrant <i>claims</i> to be Executed is on the <i>exact</i> same day</p>

and time that it was stamped by the Clerk.

The point that I was trying to make in the original email is that it's *impossible* to Execute a Search Warrant on the exact same date and time that the warrant is being filed with the Clerk.

The Search Warrant was filed on 1/8/24 at 11:52 hours.

The Search Warrant was executed on 1/8/24 at 11:52 hours.

<p>1830 FILE NO.</p>	<p>EXECUTION</p>
<p>SEARCH WARRANT</p>	<p>Executed by searching the within described place, person or thing.</p>
<p>COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA</p>	<p>01/08/24 11:52 hrs DATE AND TIME EXECUTED</p>
<p>v./In re</p>	<p>NA Odehnal #4020 EXECUTING OFFICER</p>
<p>Atlantic Union account for</p>	<p>MISSING</p>
<p>Granite Recreation Corporation</p>	<p>Certified to</p>
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<p>SWN: 760CM2300008940</p>	<p>EXECUTING OFFICER</p>
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<p>MISSING</p>	<p>CAN NOT BE POSSIBLE</p>

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“Please see Virginia Code § 19.2-56(A) for further information.”

Agreed.

“§ 19.2-56. To whom search warrant directed; what it shall command; warrant to show date and time of issuance; copy of affidavit to be part of warrant and served therewith; warrants not executed within 15 days.”

	<p>“Any search warrant not executed within 15 days after issuance thereof shall be returned to, and voided by, the officer who issued such search warrant.”</p> <p>Sgt. Castrinos, again I am glad to know that we are on the same page. So now what?</p> <p>And....</p> <p>How did these major issues get overlooked?</p> <p>Why was the Search Warrant presented as successful?</p> <p>How have you moved forward?</p> <p>What progress has been made?</p> <p>Who is taking the lead on the case?</p> <p>Will you be getting one of the Attorneys to help RPD write a good Search Warrant?</p>
<p>§ 19.2-57. Execution and return of warrant; list of property seized.</p> <p>§ 19.2-56. To whom search warrant directed; what it shall command; warrant to show date and time of issuance; copy of affidavit to be part of warrant and served therewith; warrants not executed within 15 days.</p> <p>"The officer executing such warrant shall endorse the date of execution thereon and shall file the warrant, with the inventory attached (or a notation that no property was seized) and the accompanying affidavit, unless such affidavit was made by voice or videotape recording, <u>within three days after the materials ordered to be produced are received by the officer from the financial institution.</u>"</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>I also agree with you you that the Search Warrant is to be delivered with the Clerk <u>“within three days after the materials ordered to be produced are received by the officer from the financial institution.”</u></p> <p>The problem is not that it <i>wasn't</i> delivered within 3 days.</p> <p>The problem is that the Atlantic Union Search Warrant was filed on the <i>exact</i> same day and time that the Search Warrant claims to have been “Executed”. This is impossible.</p>

It would seem to me Sgt. Castrinos that we are both in agreement that the *Atlantic Union account for Granite Recreation Corporation* Search Warrant was not a legitimate Search Warrant. And that you also agree with the points that I have made in the previous email. (A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H) If this is not correct, then please tell me where I am wrong.



Additionally, you say, "We are still investigating this case". This is great news to hear. I can only assume that if you are still investigating the case, then you have Executed or will be Executing additional Search Warrants and/or Subpoenas. Please let me know the Date and the City or County that the Search Warrant or Subpoena has or had been Executed, for this is a matter of public record.

Recall that the **Magistrate** must file the Affidavit within seven days after the issuance of such warrant and shall by such clerk be preserved as a record and shall at all times be subject to inspection by the public after the warrant that is the subject of the affidavit has been executed or 15 days after issuance of the warrant, whichever is earlier; (§ 19.2-54.)

All of the Clerks of the Court and all of the Magistrates that I spoke with said that RPD should not have any problem with providing me with information so the Clerks of the Court can pull the **Affidavit for Search Warrant** which should be on File with the Clerks, if a Search Warrant has in fact been issued. The Clerks' feel that it is not fair for citizens to have to continuously be calling the Clerk's Office to see if the Magistrate or RPD has filed the Affidavit for Search Warrant or both the Affidavit for Search Warrant and the Search Warrant, respectively. All this does is eat up a lot of time and energy for both the citizens and the Clerks of the Court. Citizens do not want to call the Clerk's Office every day, and I am sure that the Clerks are incredibly busy to be checking for Affidavits everyday. So, if you could be so kind as to provide me the Date and the City or County of any and all Search Warrants and Subpoenas that have already been issued, other than the Atlantic Union Search Warrant, and all Search Warrants or Subpoenas that may be issued in the future so the Clerks can easily pull the Affidavit, that would be greatly appreciated. This type of Search Warrant is a matter of Public Record, so it shouldn't be an issue for RPD to provide me the information.

Your thoughtful analysis is much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Sarah Ramsey

## Written Questions for RPD

### AT-A-GLANCE

- Is it true that Officers are being trained in the Police Academy that if a Non-Profit Organization Embezzles, then it is a “*Civil Matter*” and point them to the Courthouse?
- Why is it the policy for RPD to refuse to allow citizens to report Embezzlement?
- Would you consider posting a Financial Crimes Information Page on your website, like the ones for Fairfax, Loudon and Arlington?
- Would you consider setting up an online police reporting system?

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## Written Questions for RPD

1.0 Are you aware that when citizens call the Non-Emergency phone number to report suspected Embezzlement, they are told that Embezzlement is a “*Civil Matter*” despite what the Code of Virginia § 18.2-111 says?

VA Code § 18.2-111 **Embezzlement**, clearly shows that Embezzlement is in fact a "*Criminal Matter*". Sure, a citizen can always sue Civilly but that does NOT make Embezzlement *only* a "*Civil Matter*". And, because the Non-Emergency Dispatcher *believes* that Embezzlement is *only* a "*Civil Matter*", this results in the Non-Emergency Dispatchers refusing to take an Embezzlement Police Report.

1.1 If you are aware that the Non-Emergency Dispatchers are telling citizens that Embezzlement is only a "*Civil Matter*", despite what the Code of Virginia § 18.2-111 says, and you are aware that the Dispatchers are refusing to allow citizens to file an Embezzlement report, then can you please explain *why* this is the policy?

1.2 If you are *not* aware that the Non-Emergency Dispatchers are telling citizens that Embezzlement is only a "*Civil Matter*", despite what the Code of Virginia § 18.2-111 says, then what can RPD do to fix this issue?

2.0 I was told by a Richmond City Police Detective about a year ago that Officers are being trained in the Police Academy that if a Non-Profit Organization Embezzles, then it is a "*Civil Matter*" and to point them to the Courthouse. Is this true?

2.2 Are Policemen and Policewomen being trained in the Police Academy that Embezzlement is a "*Civil Matter*"?

2.3 If Policemen and Policewomen are being trained in the Police Academy that Embezzlement is a "*Civil Matter*," then why?

2.4 If it's true that Policemen and Policewomen are being trained in the Police Academy that Embezzlement is a "*Civil Matter*", then is RPD willing to *retrain* the various RPD individuals that Embezzlement is a criminal matter under the VA Code?

2.5. Why do so many RPD individuals of all ranks *believe* that Embezzlement is only a "*Civil Matter*" despite what the Code of VA § 18.2-111 says and how can RPD correct this mistaken belief?

### The reason for the questions

The reason why I am asking all of these questions is because recently Sergeant Nicholas Castrinos said in an email regarding an Embezzlement Matter that, *"We have received no additional complaints of possible theft from any member of this organization"*. I have to wonder how many people have tried to file a report but the Dispatcher refused to allow them. I know of four different people who have tried to make a report of Embezzlement in four separate cases but were denied. And I know that when I initially tried to file a police report with RPD, I was told that Embezzlement is a "Civil Issue". And I was not just told once that Embezzlement is a "Civil Issue" or a "Civil Matter", for I was told many different times by many different RPD individuals that Embezzlement is a "Civil Matter". It was not until I read the Code of Virginia, **§ 18.2-111. Embezzlement deemed larceny; indictment**, to the Dispatch operator that I finally managed to break through that first hurdle and file a police report and retrieve an incident number.

Not only was I told by dispatchers that "Embezzlement is a Civil Matter", I was also told that I did not have enough evidence. This assertion bothered me greatly for several reasons. The first reason being that those who answered the phone (non-emergency-number) refused to first LOOK at or HEAR the evidence, for embezzlement deals with numbers and I would have been on the phone with RPD for days if I were to read to the various RPD individuals all the numbers that are involved in this particular Alleged Embezzlement Case. I did my best to *verbally* explain math, spreadsheets, 990-Tax>Returns, and P&L's on the phone but ultimately the individuals had no clue what I was talking about because **numbers need to be seen** not heard. I requested that a Detective look at the data that I had *before* deciding that I didn't possess any "evidence" and therefore is a "Civil Matter".

It was definitely frustrating being told over and over that I don't have any evidence of Embezzlement and then in the next breath being told that they, meaning the RPD Dispatcher, don't have time to listen to me explain all the evidence in the form of mathematical data. Of course, RPD can say that there is no evidence if they thwart my ability to give it to them. And of course the record proves that I did in fact have plenty of evidence because RPD wrote a Search Warrant for bank records regarding this particular Embezzlement Case, even if

that Search Warrant was a bit messy and ultimately needed multiple other Search Warrants to be written to the correct bank and executed in under 15 days.(§ 19.2-56.)

Again, I bring all of this up because the RPD sergeant said, *“We have received no additional complaints of possible theft from any member of this organization”*. I practically had to move mountains in order for RPD to listen and look at my evidence regarding an Embezzlement Case, so how on earth does RPD expect for other normal citizens to be heard or believed when so many citizens have careers and families to take care of and so they don't have the endless hours or energy to convince RPD that Embezzlement is a crime? It's impossible, and it seems to me like it's all being done by design.

I think the million dollar question is, why are so many in RPD repeating the same mantra? That *“Embezzlement is a Civil Matter”*. Is it because RPD individuals are being *trained* this way or are they intentionally gaslighting the victims? The code of Virginia clearly states, **“§ 18.2-111. Embezzlement”** and Embezzlement can come with serious prison time, *“not less than one nor more than 20 years”*. You cannot put people in prison if Embezzlement were only a *“Civil Matter”*. When you see that prison time is written in the Code that is a good indicator to the reader that Embezzlement is a Criminal Matter NOT a Civil Matter; from my understanding anyway, for I am not a lawyer and none of what I have been written should be construed in any sort of way as legal advice.

3.0 Why is it the policy for RPD to refuse to allow citizens to report Embezzlement?

4.0 Would you consider posting a Financial Crimes Information Page on your website, like the ones for Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudon?

### EXAMPLES

Arlington VA

Financial Crimes Information

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Police-Department/Financial-Crimes-Information>

## **What is EMBEZZLEMENT?**

A person commits embezzlement when they wrongfully take, steal, or use property belonging to another by virtue of one's office, trust, or employment.

- Examples:
  - A corporate admin adds company funds to their own bank account that were supposed to be sent to a not-for-profit organization.
  - A grocery cashier takes small amounts of money out of his/her cash drawer for personal use.
  - A supervisor is given a company credit card to purchase supplies for a company event. The supervisor uses the card for personal use instead of its intended purpose.

## **Who can investigate embezzlement?**

The Arlington County Police Department can investigate crimes that occur within the jurisdiction of Arlington. If the crime occurred outside of Arlington County, you should contact that jurisdiction for prosecution.

File an online report with the Arlington County Police Department.

### **Fairfax County**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/HowDoI/FinancialCrimes/Embezzlement>

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Who can investigate Embezzlement?

The Fairfax County Police Department can investigate the crime of embezzlement if it occurs within the jurisdictional boundaries of Fairfax County. If the crime occurred outside of Fairfax County, you should contact that jurisdiction.

### **Loudoun County**

<https://www.loudoun.gov/FAQ.aspx?TID=196>

#### 1. What is embezzlement?

Closely related to larceny, Embezzlement occurs when someone is placed in a position of trust and wrongfully takes, steals or uses property belonging to another. Should this be the case, they may be committing an offense of Embezzlement. Positions of trust include, but are not limited to, an office being held or simply your employment.

Examples of Embezzlement include:

- A cashier takes a portion of the sales for themselves
- The treasurer of an organization takes a portion of proceeds received at an event
- An employee uses a company credit card without permission to purchase gifts

#### 2. What is not embezzlement?

If the person taking money or property did not have control of such items by virtue of their employment or trust, then they are committing a larceny, not Embezzlement.

### 3. What should I do if I am a victim of embezzlement?

1. You should file a police report with the jurisdiction in which the offense occurred.
2. If it occurred in Loudoun County, then you may choose to file an online report.
3. Review any policies and make any necessary changes using the information you have learned about the incident.

The person suspected of the crime should have limited and monitored access to any records or documents.

### 4. What are some tips that I can use to avoid becoming the victim of embezzlement?

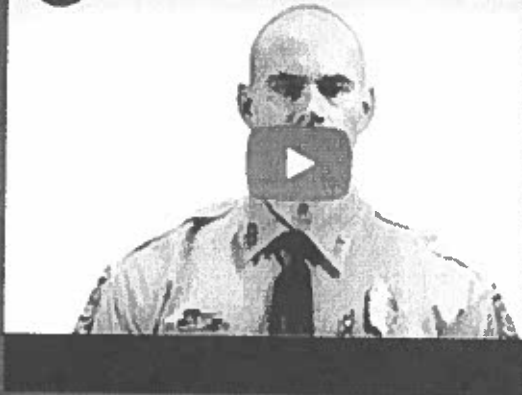
1. You can complete background checks before hiring an employee.
2. Keep track and monitor every company check.
3. Conduct regular audits of cash and property to assure accuracy.
4. Make nightly bank deposits, cash is very tempting and easy to steal.
5. You should understand your accounting books.
6. Separate duties; One of the most common ways for someone to embezzle is to take a little bit of cash that comes in and then adjust the records to hide it.
7. Consider requiring employees to take vacations; Even complex schemes require maintenance to assure they remain hidden. When employees are on vacation, you can see what happens when they are not around.

5.0 Would you consider setting up an online police reporting system for financial crimes?



## Financial Crimes Information and Online Reporting System (FICOR)


Welcome to the Financial Crimes Information and Reporting System. This site will provide you with important information on financial crime protection and prevention methods, and will also assist you with filing a report if you have become a victim. Take a moment to navigate through the sections listed below and file a report when you are ready.



Financial Crimes Online Repo...

### Related Resources

- [Check Fraud](#) >
- [Credit Card Theft and Fraud](#) >
- [Embezzlement](#) >
- [False Pretense](#) >
- [Construction Fraud](#) >
- [Identity Theft](#) >



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## Offender in embezzlement, money laundering case sentenced to 15 years

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The offender in a major embezzlement and money laundering case who was arrested in 2022 after an extensive Harrisonburg Police Department investigation will serve more than 15 years in prison after a recent court ruling.

Andrew Kuhn, 37, of Winchester, was sentenced on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023, to 15 years in prison, with 125 years suspended, for five counts of embezzlement and one count of money laundering – all felonies – stemming from the embezzlement of nearly \$1 million from the Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Services Board (HRC SB). Kuhn pleaded guilty June 5, 2023, to the charges and received his sentence in Rockingham County Circuit Court last week.

The sentence brings to a close a case that began on Oct. 12, 2021, when HRC SB alerted MPD to the suspected embezzlement scheme. MPD detectives initiated an extensive, yearlong investigation, leading to Kuhn's arrest on Oct. 17, 2022. Several law enforcement agencies, including the Winchester Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations and Frederick County Sheriff's Office, all assisted in the investigation, and investigators from the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia partnered with MPD detectives throughout the process.



(Above) Andrew Kuhn

"The Office of the Attorney General's Financial Crimes Team plays a key role investigating white collar crimes throughout the Commonwealth, and I commend them and our law enforcement partners for helping secure justice in this case," Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares said. "Bad actors in Virginia will not be tolerated."

3/20/2024

Greetings to our Community Friends,

This email is in regard to the upcoming Town Hall meeting in Richmond.  
We have prepared written questions for the Delegates and Senator ahead of time for your convenience. (See attachment to read this in PDF format.)

If you could kindly forward these questions to the appropriate people before the meeting, that would be great.

We look forward to meeting the guests at tonight's gathering.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Ramsey

### The Bill

The Virginia Legislature has just passed a bill to protect seniors from financial fraud.

The bill provides for TRAINING of financial institutions in identifying, reporting and investigating financial fraud.

The bill authorizes LOCAL law-enforcement authorities to accept these financial fraud reports and investigate them.

However, the bill does not provide TRAINING for local law-enforcement themselves on how to identify financial fraud, how to investigate it, or how to prosecute it.

Local law-enforcement includes both the police and the Commonwealth's Attorneys.

What if LOCAL law-enforcement is not equipped or unwilling to participate in pursuing justice?

What if the police refuse to take a financial fraud report and claim it is a "Civil Matter", like some citizens have experienced in other types of crimes?

One citizen had his **car stolen**. "He says he tried to go to police but was told it was a civil matter". (Diggs)

<https://www.12onyourside.com/2023/08/18/owner-no-limit-towing-denied-bond-after-denying-accusations-stealing-vehicles/>

Sergeant Nicholas Castrinos said, "Police thought that there was a possibility that it was simply a civil infraction. And after speaking with them, it was very clear there was some malicious intent involved". Castrinos investigates Property Crimes. Shouldn't he know that it's a CRIME to steal someone's car?

Even Police Chief Rick Edwards said, "Most of our officers, before they knew what was going on, thought that this is just a civil matter, you guys work it out in the courts." (Minute 1:15 <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3467038620277219>)

What is going on when the Chief of Police and the Sergeant who handles Property Crimes thinks that when someone steals your car it's a Civil Matter? This towing scheme has been going on for over 20 years and is well known by many of the citizens of Richmond. Why has it taken RPD so long to figure it out and why doesn't RPD know that it is a CRIME to steal someone's car?

This is just one example of when RPD tells citizens to go away because it's a "Civil Matter".

Has RPD been running this same type of playbook for years regarding other clear cut CRIMINAL MATTERS? I fear that senior citizens that are defrauded are going to be treated the very same way – turned away and told that it's a "Civil Matter".

Here is another example of RPD turning away citizens and telling them that the *crime* is a "Civil Matter".

In the case of the collapsed Enrichmond Foundation, Richmond Police stated "there was no evidence of a crime and it could not be investigated." But if it was true that, "there was no evidence of a crime" and the case was simply a "Civil Matter", then why did the Attorney General and the FBI then take up the case? (1.)

Also, in the Enrichmond case, "The Richmond Police Department and Commonwealth's Attorney's Office have found no evidence that embezzlement or other criminal activity was involved in the loss, and have deemed it a 'civil matter'". Again, if this was a civil matter, then why is the Attorney General now investigating it? (2.)

In regard to the Enrichmond case, Mayor Levar Stoney stated at a press conference ... "It's not the city's role to oversee non-profits" (3.)

These types of comments are very disturbing. Other localities in the Commonwealth of Virginia successfully prosecute non-profit embezzlement.

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## QUESTIONS

Imagine the following scenario...

What if the local police department does not have a financial crimes unit because of lack of resources?

What if local police do not have a single staff member who is qualified to read a spread sheet or do an audit?

What if local Police Academies are not equipped to train Recruits to be qualified as Certified Forensic Accountants?

What if a newly elected Commonwealth's Attorney fills their office with Progressive Prosecutors who do not want to prosecute financial crimes?

If local law-enforcement is not equipped to handle financial fraud, then what are Social Services and Adult Protective Services supposed to do?

What are the details for protecting seniors from financial fraud which financial institutions discover and report to Local Law Enforcement? And. How will the Richmond Police Department assist in *any* type of financial fraud investigation when they don't currently possess a qualified staff with the expertise to do so?

**Here is a brief description of the challenges that the citizens are currently facing with local law-enforcement.**

As it stands now, RPD does not have anyone with the expertise to handle embezzlement, so I can't imagine financial fraud involving seniors would be much better.

1. RPD has no financial crimes unit to look into Embezzlement.
2. RPD individuals who are put on embezzlement cases struggle to read simple spreadsheets.
3. Sergeants within RPD who are put on embezzlement cases think that it is normal for \$25,000 to be unaccounted for.
4. RPD individuals struggle to understand that when hundreds of thousands of dollars are being drained from a bank account with no explanation and those on the board refuse to provide the records that are required by the board of directors per the Corporation's own bylaws and State Law, there might be malfeasance at play.
5. RPD individuals have tried to chalk up any missing money as "messing bookkeeping" despite the fact that the Corporation pays for a bookkeeper and a CPA. Not to mention the fact that those who sit on the board include a Chief Financial Officer as a President, a Treasurer, and a lawyer who is currently "successfully representing multi-billion dollar companies". ([www.patellawfirmva.com](http://www.patellawfirmva.com))
6. So, as excited as I am that the Virginia Legislature has just passed a bill to protect seniors from financial fraud, I wonder how this will be achieved when, as it stands now, RPD does not even possess a staff that understands what the red flags are regarding embezzlement.



How did the "White-Collar Crimes Unit" slowly get phased out of the Richmond Police Department and how can we replenish the Police Department with well-qualified individuals such as forensic accounts who can not only handle *Embezzlement Crimes* but also *Financial Fraud* for seniors?

The goal should be to protect EVERYONE from all kinds of financial fraud as well as such things as property crimes and embezzlement.

How can you help to fix to this crisis that the City of Richmond is currently facing?

I am grateful for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Ramsey