



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## NEWS RELEASE

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# DAVID LAWRENCE ELIAS CHARGED WITH 13 COUNTS OF FELONY MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC MONEY

David Lawrence Elias (56, of Fowler) has been charged in a Felony Complaint with thirteen (13) counts of Misappropriation of Public Moneys by a Public Officer (Penal Code §424(a)(1)), the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

Today, Mr. Elias was arrested by the Fresno County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigations for allegedly using public funds for personal use.

During 2015 and 2016 while Mr. Elias was the City Manager of Fowler, he allegedly used City of Fowler issued credit cards for his personal use to make over 100 purchases that were not for legitimate city business.

If convicted as charged, Mr. Elias faces a sentence of up to 16 years in state prison.

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