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**Prince George's County Sheriffs' Deputies Wendy Tyler and Nancy Ridgely  
Criminally Charged with Conspiring to Steal from FOP Lodge**

State Prosecutor, Robert A. Rohrbaugh, has announced that criminal charges have been filed against Lt. Wendy Tyler and Captain Nancy Ridgely of the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department, stemming from an investigation into the misappropriation of funds belonging to the Deputy Sheriff's Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #112.

The Grand Jury of Prince George's County indicted both Lt. Tyler, of Stevensville, and Captain Ridgely, of Bowie, both 43, on charges of Conspiracy to Commit Theft Scheme, Theft Scheme of more than \$10,000 and Under \$100,000, and Fraudulent Misappropriation by a Fiduciary.

The indictment alleges that while Tyler and Ridgely served as President and Vice President, respectively, of the Deputy Sheriff's Association, Lt. Tyler obtained unauthorized stipend checks written and signed by Ridgely. In addition, Tyler made in excess of \$10,000 in unauthorized personal purchases using a credit card issued to her for the use and benefit of the Deputy Sheriff's Association. The indictment alleges that Lt. Tyler was able to do so with Captain Ridgely's assistance.

If convicted of the Felony Theft and the Conspiracy charges, Tyler and Ridgely face a maximum penalty of fifteen years incarceration, and/or a fine of up to \$25,000 per count. If convicted of the misappropriation count, each could be sentenced to not less than one year but no more than five years in prison on each count.

Although they have been charged, both Tyler and Ridgely are presumed innocent unless and until they are convicted. Criminal summonses have been issued for each defendant and no court dates have been set.

Mr. Rohrbaugh stated, "Unions are for the benefit of the members and membership funds are not to be used to line the pockets of the elected representatives." For further inquiries, contact Senior Assistant State Prosecutor Shelly S. Glenn.