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PRESS RELEASE

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As a result of an Investigation by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, the following person has been arrested and charged as indicated below:

NAME: Michael Wayne Hobbs

ADDRESS: 121 South Winds Drive, Dudley, NC

AGE: 50

RACE/SEX: B/M

CHARGE(S): Larceny by Employee

BOND: \$8000.00 secured

INVESTIGATING/ARRESTING OFFICER(S): Captain Shawn Harris
Det. Sgt. Jonathan Griffin

ASSISTING OFFICERS: Wayne County Detective Division

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: In May of this year the Wayne County Sheriff's Office received a report from the Wayne County Public Schools in regards to possible larcenies occurring from the storage warehouse on Bain Street in Goldsboro. The items which were reported stolen included cleaning supplies and other janitorial style items. Over the course of the last few months the sheriff's office has conducted surveillance and covert operations on target individuals related to this investigation. During these operations the sheriff's office has made undercover purchases of several of the stolen items which have since been identified as being property of the Wayne County Public Schools. Staff from the Wayne County Public Schools has had direct involvement in this investigation and have assisted in surveillance and documentation over the course of the investigation. On 8/29/2018, the sheriff's office conducted an operation which involved a vehicle traffic stop on a target which had been identified as having some of the stolen items. During the traffic stop several items were identified inside the vehicle as belonging to the Wayne County Public Schools and those items were seized. After conducting several interviews as well as executing a search warrant on the above listed defendant's property the sheriff's office wrapped up the operation with the arrest of Michael Wayne Hobbs. Hobbs was charged with a felony count of Larceny by

Employee. It was determined that Hobbs whom is a Wayne County Public Schools employee had been taking items from the warehouse which he worked in and then selling the stolen items to other individuals who in turn were reselling the items in various locations in Wayne and surrounding counties. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank Wayne County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Dunsmore and his staff for their assistance in this case.

If anyone has any further questions pertaining to this investigation please contact Captain Shawn Harris at (919)731-1483.