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Brusly Police Chief Jamie Whaley pleads guilty to malfeasance charge

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BRUSLY, LA (WAFB) - Brusly Police Chief Jamie Whaley pleaded guilty Thursday morning to one count of malfeasance in office and was sentenced to 18 months of probation.

The district attorney's office dismissed the theft charge. The only stipulation to the sentence is he can't run in the replacement election for police chief.

Whaley announced on April 14 that he is resigning from office effective April 25. He made the decision after a West Baton Rouge grand jury indicted him on charges of malfeasance in office and theft over \$500.

In his resignation letter to Secretary of State Tom Schedler, Whaley wrote:

"Effective April 25, 2014, I, Jamie J. Whaley, do hereby tender my resignation as Chief of Police for the Town of Brusly."

Whaley turned himself in to police on January 23 after a joint investigation by the FBI and Louisiana Inspector General revealed he allegedly had been using his department issued gas card for personal use.

According to the IG's investigation, Whaley filled up his personal vehicle and boat on 29 separate occasions between Jan. 2, 2013 and Jan. 3, 2014. The purchases totaled \$1,122.75.

When investigators questioned Whaley, he admitted it and the following day, he issued a check from his personal account to cover the amount.

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