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LCSO Arrests School Administrator Following Financial Theft Investigation

Leon County Sheriff's Office press release, Oct. 29, 2026. Verbatim transcription of the release text as republished by WFSU News: https://news.wfsu.org/wfsu-local-news/2026-10-30/the-deputy-superintendent-of-leon-county-schools-has-been-arrested (the original LCSO posting was not located; the probable cause affidavit was not obtained).

On Thursday, October 29th, the Leon County Sheriff's Office arrested 64-year-old Michelle Gayle, following an investigation into suspected financial theft involving The Foundation for Leon County Schools.

The investigation began after the Sheriff's Office received information from Leon County Schools personnel about suspected financial discrepancies involving the foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports Leon County schools.

Detectives determined that Gayle, who serves as the deputy superintendent for Leon County Schools, used her position to obtain alleged reimbursements.

During the investigation, detectives identified discrepancies between the information Gayle provided to the foundation and the payments she received. Detectives were able to confirm more than $1,200 in false reimbursements.

Gayle was arrested and charged with Grand Theft and booked into the Leon County Detention Facility.