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## 2 charged with faking mechanic credentials

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Two former mechanics for Huron Valley Schools were charged today with falsifying certifications needed to do their jobs — a move that allegedly brought them bigger paychecks for several years.

John Brian Reynolds, 53, and Gary Wayne Gould, 53, were charged in 52-1 District Court in Novi with five counts each of false pretenses, a 5-year felony.

Both men, whose hometowns are unknown, are scheduled to be back in court Oct. 29 for pre-exam conferences. They are free on \$25,000 personal bonds.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, an investigation into Reynolds and Gould began more than a year ago. Both men worked in the district's transportation garage and allegedly falsified their Motor Vehicle Mechanic Certificates — allowing them to receive extra pay for about seven years, deputies said.

"Bilking public dollars is one issue alone which is completely unacceptable," Sheriff Michael Bouchard said in a statement. "Doing so while working on buses which transport children to and from school with forged certifications is outrageous. Putting our children at risk to make an extra buck on the taxpayers' back is reprehensible."

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