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### **Former firefighter indicted for Harvey theft**

A grand jury indicted a former Houston firefighter Tuesday for stealing \$3,000 from a non-profit group providing disaster relief to first responders in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, Harris County prosecutors announced Tuesday.

Shane Horsted, 47, was indicted for felony theft. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison, as his penalty is enhanced because the crime was committed in a disaster area in the wake of the storm.

“We presented all the evidence to grand jurors, and they determined an indictment was warranted,” Assistant District Attorney Stuart Tallichet of the Public Corruption Division said. “It is our job to seek justice, and the defendant will now have to face this charge in court.”

Back in 2017, the International Association of Firefighters Disaster Relief Program offered \$500 pre-loaded debit cards to firefighters whose homes had been damaged by the storm.

Horsted, who was a firefighter at the time, fraudulently obtained six of the cards on behalf of himself and five other firefighters by forging their information.

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