



MEDIA RELEASE

Suspect Indicted for Criminal Mistreatment Charges Following a Two-Year Investigation

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In May of 2023, Sherwood officers responded to a residence regarding a death investigation. Officers located Charles Atkinson Sr deceased inside the residence, showing signs of extended neglect and decomposition. Mr. Atkinson Sr had been residing in the home under the care of his son, Charles Atkinson II. Due to the suspicious circumstances that officers observed on scene that day, investigators began a comprehensive investigation involving multiple search warrants for medical and financial records. Investigators uncovered evidence indicating that Mr. Atkinson II, while acting as his father's primary caretaker during a period of advanced dementia, converted tens of thousands of dollars from his father's bank accounts for personal use, while failing to provide adequate care for his father.

On June 17, 2025, the case was presented to a Washington County Grand Jury, and they indicted Mr. Atkinson II on the following charges:

- Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree (2 Counts)
- Theft in the First Degree (4 Counts)

Following the indictment, a Washington County Circuit Court Judge issued a Secret Indictment Arrest Warrant. On June 20, 2025, Mr. Atkinson II was arrested by the Sherwood Police Department without incident and lodged at the Washington County Jail.

The Sherwood Police Department would like to thank Adult Protective Services and the Washington County District Attorney's Office for their assistance in this case.