<u>Former Dixie Chopper Prez Charged with</u> Theft



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PLAINFIELD, Ind. — The former president and one-time chief financial officer of Dixie Chopper/Magic Circle Corp. is facing theft charges following his arrest Thursday.

Simon Paul Delancey Wilson, 39, who was named president and Chief Executive Officer of the Fillmore-based lawnmower manufacturer in October 2011, was arrested Thursday morning here where he was reportedly attending the closing on the sale of his home, reports the Greencastle, Ind., Banner-Graphic newspaper.

A report by investigating officer Det. Pat McFadden of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department alleges that Wilson stole \$18,705 in cash and merchandise from the rewards account set up on a corporate American Express Card issued to Magic Circle Corp. in Wilson's name.

He reportedly collected the rewards points from company expenses that were charged to the corporate credit card, allegedly converting them into 17 American Express gift cards of \$1,000 each and \$1,705 in merchandise he reportedly had sent directly to his Plainfield home.

Wilson was elevated to head up Dixie Chopper operations in October 2011.

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