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Miss. man accused in Medicaid scam

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COLUMBUS, Miss. (AP) - The founder of an organization dedicated to helping troubled teens stay out of jail is himself behind bars, facing felony charges stemming from an alleged Medicaid scam.

Aaron Ray Pulsifer of Columbus is former executive director of the Youth Challenge Program. He was being held Thursday at the Lowndes County Adult Detention Center.

Prosecutors accuse the 31-year-old Pulsifer of using the organization to aid in a nearly 3-year scheme in which he illegally received more than \$1.1 million.

Court documents say Pulsifer stole the identity of a woman, then made false reports to the state Division of Medicaid claiming she had provided diagnostic and counseling services for dozens of program Youth Challenge participants.

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