

# DA investigating El Dorado County fire chief's credit card habits

By CBS13

CBS13 has learned that Garden Valley Fire Chief Bill Dekker is under investigation by the El Dorado County District Attorney's Office.

In an interview with CBS13, District Attorney Vern Pierson told On The Money he has opened a criminal investigation focusing on the fire chief's purchases on the fire department's credit card.

CBS13 has obtained copies of the questionable credit card billings, which include \$3,400 in charges to something called Willingness to Change – a drug and alcohol treatment center – according to the website.

The billings came from Bill Dekker, on the Garden Valley Fire Department's credit card.

"I've never seen anything like that in my 17 years as county auditor," said Joe Harn, El Dorado County's fiscal watchdog.

Harn has been scrutinizing the Garden Valley Fire Protection District's spending and credit card purchases.

"I don't understand why it would be the burden of the taxpayers in Garden Valley to pick up this \$3,400 charge for alcohol and or drug counseling," Harn told CBS 13.

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