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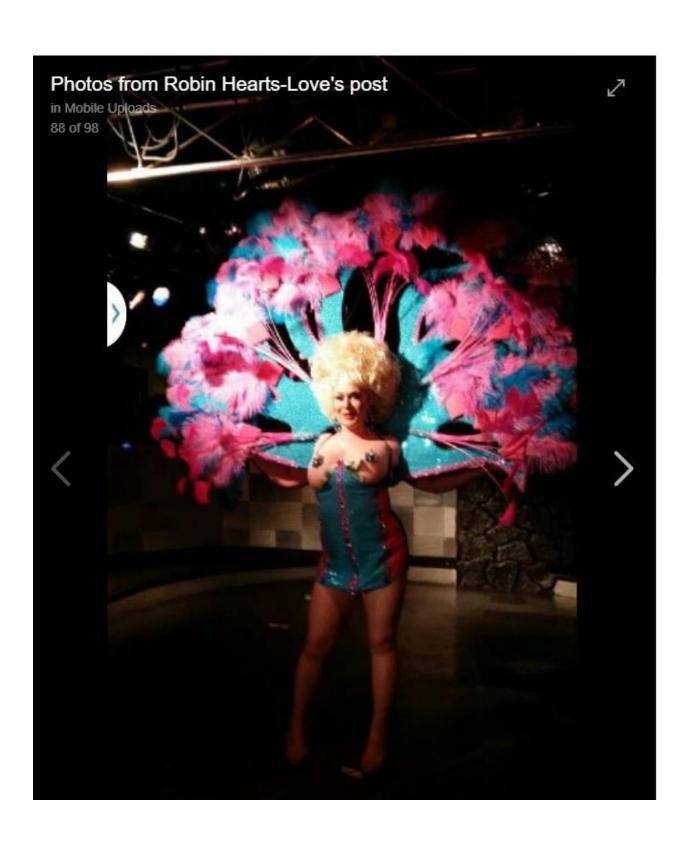


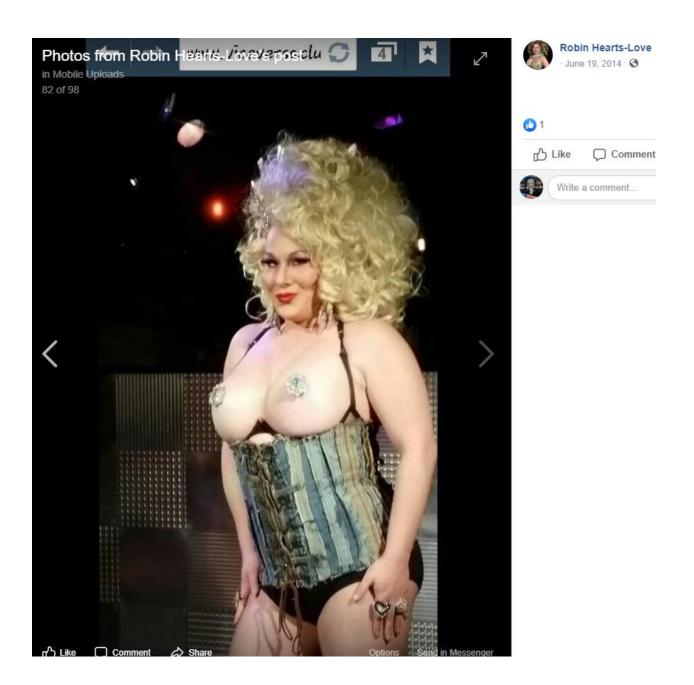


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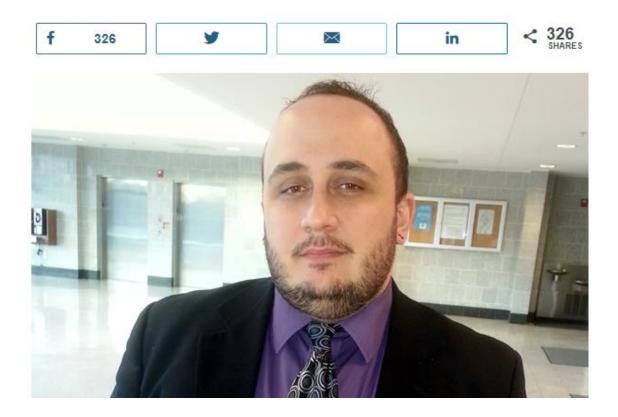




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Former Baltimore Pride coordinator pleads guilty to theft



Just as leaders from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center of Baltimore and Central Maryland (GLCCB) are gearing up to host Pride 2016, the 2015 Pride Coordinator, Paul Liller, accepted a plea deal in a case in which he had been accused of theft by GLCCB's board president Jabari Lyles.

Following three postponements that began in Baltimore's District Court last December, Liller signed an Alford plea agreement in Baltimore Circuit Court on March 30. He pled guilty to a

misdemeanor (Theft — less than \$1,000 value) without admitting guilt and maintaining his innocence but admitting that the prosecution could likely prove the charge based on the evidence.

Liller, 33, was charged, according to Assistant State's Attorney Toi Mason, with "taking property" from the GLCCB in the amount of \$704.58. Sources told the Blade that it was a result of his using the GLCCB's debit card to buy non-GLCCB-related items.

These purchases allegedly occurred between Aug. 15-Sept. 15 based on a complaint filed by Lyles on behalf of the GLCCB. According to the original charging documents, they included such items as various art supplies, crafting supplies and office supplies.

Since becoming GLCCB's Pride coordinator in late 2014, Liller was appointed the GLCCB's development coordinator and ultimately deputy director and acting executive director after the resignation of Joel Tinsley-Hall effective July 6, 2015.

Liller resigned suddenly on Oct. 13 amid rumors concerning missing funds from Pride. The GLCCB then initiated a review of its financial transactions whose findings led to the complaint.

As a result of the plea deal, Liller received an 18-month suspended sentence, two years supervised probation and restitution to the GLCCB in the amount charged.

GLCCB president Lyles did not respond to requests from the Blade for comment.