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Headley fundraiser topped \$10,000

An event to raise money for Williamson County Sheriff Ricky Headley's legal defense drew 548 people and collected more than \$10,000, organizers said.

Held Saturday at the former Alexander Dodge dealership in Franklin, the benefit included a musical performance by Headley and several country and bluegrass acts, said Buddy Victory, one of the organizers.

"We're still in the process of collecting and counting," Victory said. "More money is coming in, but we're calling it a success."

Headley said the money would go to his attorney, David Raybin, who represents him in two cases connected to a TBI investigation of Brooks Pharmacy in Nashville. Police say Headley obtained painkillers from the pharmacy illegally.

The sheriff faces 33 charges in Davidson County, which range from unlawful distribution of a controlled substance to possession of prescription drugs without a prescription.

In Williamson County, Headley is charged with four counts of official misconduct stemming from allegations that he was in uniform and drove a county-owned vehicle to pick up fraudulent prescriptions from the pharmacy.

Raybin has asked that the cases in Williamson and Davidson counties be combined so there is one trial. Headley is scheduled to go to trial in Williamson County on July 14.



Williamson County Sheriff Ricky Headley greets supporters at a fundraiser for his legal defenses on Saturday.