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**AC Transit's** recently fired director of planning and analysis lashed out at his former employer yesterday for allegedly misusing tax dollars and financial mismanagement.

William Sullivan, who worked for the East Bay bus system for just 12 weeks before he was dismissed, took his allegations to the Alameda County district attorney's office yesterday, and called for a full-scale investigation.

"I have never worked for a public agency that has such a lackadaisical approach to fiscal control," Sullivan said after his meeting with the district attorney's office. "I'm not making any allegations that people are stealing money. I am saying that money is coming into that organization and no one can account for it."

Without providing documentation, Sullivan said that the transit system was improperly allocating money generated by Alameda County's new half-cent sales tax to reduce budget deficits. The sales tax, approved by voters last November, was intended to pay for new services.

He also claimed that financial officers failed to provide timely and accurate financial information to outside auditors, and charged AC attorneys with using company phones and office space for their private business.

**AC Transit** officials were quick to deny Sullivan's charges.

"No, no, no, no," said **AC Transit** spokesman Mike Mills. "His accusations are completely mystifying. **AC Transit** is audited by a number of agencies - local, state and federal. We don't operate in a vacuum."

Mills disputed Sullivan's account of how the new sales tax dollars were to be spent, noting that **AC Transit** had "not yet received one nickel" of the money.

Alameda County Deputy District Attorney Stacy Walthall said he would review the allegations to determine if there is any basis for criminal prosecution. He also said he would turn the

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