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### **Three members of staff at Forest Bank arrested as part of investigation into allegations of theft and fraud**

Three members of staff at HMP Forest Bank have been arrested. They were taken into custody for questioning as part of a police probe into allegations of theft and fraud. Greater Manchester Police have confirmed that two men, both aged 39, were arrested on Wednesday morning on suspicion of theft and money laundering. Another man, aged 38, was detained on suspicion of fraud, theft and money laundering. All three are understood to work at the Salford prison. They were questioned by police on Wednesday and have since been released pending further enquiries. A Greater Manchester Police spokesman said: "At around 7.45am on Wednesday 29 August 2018, police investigating thefts from HMP Forest Bank arrested three men. "Two 39-year-old men were arrested on suspicion of theft and money laundering. "A 38-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of fraud, theft and money laundering. "The trio have been released under investigation and enquiries are ongoing." HMP Forest Bank is a private prison run by Sodexo Justice Services on behalf of the Ministry of Justice. A spokesperson for the prison said: "We can confirm three members of staff have been arrested. It would be inappropriate to comment further while a police investigation is underway."