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**Baltimore Blast owner responds to false information with the following facts:**

Gianni Tumminello, the former GM of the Baltimore Blast, stole cash and had Blast funds sent to his personal Venmo account. Additionally, he forged the owners name to more than 50 checks. He used those funds to pay certain players cash outside of their written contracts in complete contravention of company policy, decades of procedure and in violation of the terms of the player's written contract. He also used money stolen from the Blast to fund improvements on his father's home where he now resides and for his other personal needs. The total amount stolen by Tumminello is still being tabulated by Baltimore County Police Detectives and the Baltimore County States attorney's office but currently exceeds a quarter million dollars. Tumminello is currently under criminal indictment for theft and is scheduled for trial on January 24th, 2024. I only learned of this massive breach of trust in May of this year and I still do not know the full extent of it.

-Ed Hale