LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE



DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 9/13/2016

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NATURE OF STORY: Sheriff's Office Arrests Suspect in Aggravated Theft Case

LOCATION: Lane County

DETAILS:

On 9/13/2016, the Lane County Sheriff's Office arrested Patricia Trocki, and 17 year employee of the Sheriff's Office employed as a Senior Accounting Clerk. Trocki was lodged at the Lane County Jail on Aggravated Theft in connection with theft of cash related to her accounting duties. Trocki was released by Lane County Circuit Court staff on a pre-trial release agreement and is scheduled to be arraigned on September 27, 2016.

The theft, estimated at \$60,000, was discovered late afternoon on September 12, 2016. Investigation of the missing funds led to Trocki's arrest less than 20 hours after the discovery. It appears a bulk of the theft occurred from June 2016 to the present. The Lane County Sheriff's Office is hiring an independent auditor to review the Sheriff's Office financials to ensure all discrepancies have been identified.

Trocki has been placed on unpaid administrative leave. The Sheriff's Office and Lane County will comply with all policies, procedures, and collective bargaining agreement requirements as they relate to Trocki's employment status. The County intends to seek full restitution in this case, which has been referred to the District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

Sheriff Byron Trapp will be available for interview today, 9/14/2016, at 3:30 pm at the Sheriff's Office, located at 125 East 8th Avenue in Eugene. Interviews and statements will not be provided outside of that designated interview time.

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