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**Joy Rainville pleads guilty in \$178,000 embezzlement case investigated by PPB White Collar Crimes Unit**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 44-year-old Joy Rainville will be ordered to pay more than \$178,000 in restitution following a white collar crimes investigation conducted by the Portland Police Bureau.

Earlier this week, Rainville appeared in Multnomah County Circuit Court and pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated theft in the first degree.

Rainville will be sentenced on June 14, 2019. As part of her plea agreement with the state, she will serve 20 months in prison and will be on two years of post-prison supervision.

Rainville was the office manager and human resources manager for Dynalectric Oregon. During the investigation, the Portland Police Bureau's White Collar Crimes Unit discovered that Rainville had been taking Dynalectric issued checks and depositing them into financial accounts that she could later access. Additionally, investigators learned that Rainville had taken steps to cover her trail of embezzlement in order to confuse anyone looking into the company's financial records.

According to court documents, the thefts spanned from January 2013 through April 2017.

As part of her guilty plea, Rainville admitted that she unlawfully and knowingly committed the thefts.

This case was litigated by Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Sean Hughey.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and [Portland Police Bureau's White Collar Crimes Unit](#) continue to advocate that all organizations take [preventative measures](#) to limit their exposure to potential embezzlement. Furthermore, any organization that suspects the intentional misuse or misappropriation of funds or property by an employee should report those suspicions to law enforcement immediately.

Additionally, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office reminds the community that it is important that businesses and non-profits have redundancies in place to ensure proper accounting for cash, checks and credit/debit card transactions. All businesses should undergo routine financial audits that are conducted by a person or organization separate from the primary accountant. If employees are expected to handle cash, including making nightly deposits, businesses should ensure that there is more than one employee present during cash counts and drop offs.

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