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White Collar Crimes investigation results in 10 count indictment against 46 year old man

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a 10-count indictment against 46-year-old Martin Ammerman who is accused of embezzling more than \$50,000 from an international foods company, which is headquartered in Portland, Oregon.

This case is being litigated by the Multnomah County District Attorney's White Collar Crimes Unit.

According to court documents, Ammerman did unlawfully and knowingly commit the crime of theft over a several month period in 2018 by stealing money. The amount stolen, as alleged in the indictment, is more than \$50,000.

Ammerman worked for the victim company during the time period when the alleged thefts occurred.

Furthermore, the indictment alleges Ammerman committed the crime of aggravated identity theft in that he unlawfully, and with intent to deceive and defraud, obtained, possessed, transferred, created, uttered or converted the personal identification of another individual. It is alleged this occurred on numerous occasions, and that each instance was part of a common scheme to steal thousands of dollars, as alleged in the indictment.

This case is being investigated by the Portland Police Bureau's White Collar Crimes Unit.

Like in all criminal and civil matters, electronic copies of court documents, which are not subject to a protective order, are available to the public through the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time pursuant to the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Ammerman is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office reminds the public that check fraud can occur in multiple ways. Checks sent by mail, including those in birthday and holiday cards, are susceptible to theft. Once a person has a check in their unlawful possession, it could be tampered with.

Checks include a wealth of personal information such as a person's name, address and full bank account information. That information could be used by a person for nefarious purposes such as draining the account's funds and/or opening new credit accounts.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and the [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-profit organizations 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 always more than one employee present during cash counts and drop offs.

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