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**Rebekah Brewis receives a prison sentence for stealing
more than \$10K from Portland Women's March**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 39-year-old Rebekah Katherine Brewis pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$10,000 in donations that should have gone towards supporting the Portland Women's March.

Brewis pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated theft in the first degree.

By pleading guilty, Brewis admitted that in January of 2017 she unlawfully and knowingly stole more than \$10,000 from the Portland Woman's March.

This afternoon, the court imposed a 23 month prison sentence.

During this investigation, law enforcement learned that Brewis solicited donations from members of our community to support the Portland Women's March.

The donations were deposited into an online account, which Brewis had sole control over.

When the Portland Women's March asked for the donations, Brewis never transferred the funds that she collected, which is when law enforcement was notified.

This case was prosecuted by Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney's Brad Kalbaugh and Leslie Wu.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the Oregon Department of Justice for its dedicated efforts investigating this case.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office White Collar Crimes Unit continue to advocate that all organizations take preventative measures to limit their exposure to potential embezzlement.

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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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