

CJ510 Unit6 Assignment

Scenario 2: Embezzlement

After an extensive investigation, Valley Lake Schools' bank manager faces multiple fraud charges for stealing money from customer accounts since June 2012.

It all became known when two victims produced documented proof of the alleged fraud to security department at the Valley Lake Schools' Federal Credit Union. The victims also provided sworn affidavits that said they did not withdraw the money in question from their accounts, nor did they authorize anyone else to do so.

An official investigation launched after the security department contacted Sheriff's detectives.

Their analysis revealed that illegal withdrawals were made from multiple accounts belonging to both victims. Surveillance video showed that neither victim went to the branch on the dates of the questionable transactions.

On June 18, detectives met with the branch's manager, who reportedly admitted her involvement in the fraud in order to feed her prescription drug habit.

After the interview, one of the detectives learned that she had just made a fraudulent withdraw of \$1,000 just before he interviewed her. During a search of her car in the parking lot, they found \$650 of those dollars inside. She told them she had used the missing \$350 to buy pills earlier that day.

She was arrested and charged with organized 2nd degree fraud and possession of oxycodone.

Sheriff's officials are still investigating and say there may be other victims.

So far, detectives have linked over \$45,000 in fraudulent withdrawals involving the two victims.