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### **Jury convicts loss prevention manager of stealing nearly \$230,000 from Fred Meyer self-checkout machines**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that a jury convicted 37-year-old Emily Tallman, a former loss prevention manager, of stealing nearly \$230,000 from the self-checkout machines located at the Fred Meyer Gateway store from January 25, 2017 through June 21, 2017.

The jury convicted Tallman of 14 counts of theft in the first degree and seven counts of aggravated theft in the first degree.

"Early in 2017, the Gateway Fred Meyer store realized that it was losing large sums of money from its self-checkout machines. Week after week, numerous machines were coming up short," Multnomah County Deputy District Attorney Sean Hughey, who prosecuted this case, said in court.

During the trial, the state presented evidence that showed Tallman used her employee badge to enter the store outside of normal business hours. She would approach the self-checkout machines with a shopping cart, open the machines, hold a clipboard to block the store's surveillance cameras and would reach inside the machine to withdraw the cash stored inside.

When these thefts occurred, Tallman "was the loss prevention manager. She was the person that [Fred Meyer] had tasked with looking into these thefts, DDA Hughey said in court.

The company then had regional loss prevention investigators start looking into the thefts after Tallman reported she was unable to figure out how or why the self-checkout machines kept coming up short on cash.

The company then realized, "our store's loss prevention manager is the one stealing the money," DDA Hughey said in court.

This trial, which started February 25, 2019, was presided over by Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Melvin Oden-Orr.

Sentencing in this case is tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2019 at 2 p.m. with Judge Oden-Orr.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will have no other comment on this case at this time pending sentencing.

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