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**LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** November 23, 2016 / 8:30 AM

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**NATURE OF STORY:** Sentencing in Aggravated Theft from Sheriff's Office

**LOCATION:** Lane County

**DETAILS:**

Patricia Trocki was sentenced this morning following her arrest in September for Aggravated Theft of public funds from the Sheriff's Office. Trocki's employment from the Sheriff's Office was terminated October 14, 2016. Full restitution, in the amount of \$61,052.00, was paid by Trocki at sentencing, returning all public funds taken.

**INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY**

**Sheriff Byron Trapp will be available for interview today, 11/23/2016, at 3:00 PM at the Sheriff's Office, located at 125 East 8th Avenue in Eugene. Interviews and statements will not be provided outside of that designated interview time.**

**BACKGROUND:** On 9/13/2016, the Lane County Sheriff's Office arrested Patricia Trocki, and 17 year employee of the Sheriff's Office employed as a Senior Accounting Clerk. Trocki was lodged at the Lane County Jail on Aggravated Theft in connection with theft of cash related to her accounting duties. Trocki was released by Lane County Circuit Court staff on a pre-trial release agreement and is scheduled to be arraigned on September 27, 2016.

The theft, estimated at \$60,000, was discovered late afternoon on September 12, 2016. Investigation of the missing funds led to Trocki's arrest less than 20 hours after the discovery. It appears a bulk of the theft occurred from June 2016 to the present. The Lane County Sheriff's Office is hiring an independent auditor to review the Sheriff's Office financials to ensure all discrepancies have been identified.

Trocki has been placed on unpaid administrative leave. The Sheriff's Office and Lane County will comply with all policies, procedures, and collective bargaining agreement requirements as they relate to Trocki's employment status. The County intends to seek full restitution in this case, which has been referred to the District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

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