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Former Plymouth resident sentenced for embezzlement

A 63-year-old man from Grapeview, Wash., formerly of Plymouth, was sentenced yesterday in federal court for embezzling money from the bank at which he was employed.

On Oct. 30 in St. Paul, United States District Court Judge Paul Magnuson sentenced Dell Martin LeClair to 21 months in prison and five years supervised release on one count of theft and embezzlement by a bank employee. LeClair was indicted on June 9 and pleaded guilty on June 27.

According to his plea agreement, LeClair was an assistant manager of sales at the Excelsior Branch of TCF Bank. LeClair admitted in court that he used that position to embezzle \$148,881.18 from a dormant TCF account and then transferred the money to his personal account at a different bank. He then moved to Washington and used a portion of the money to purchase a residence. LeClair agreed to forfeit to the U.S. that residence and other assets he acquired with the stolen bank funds.

This case was the result of an investigation by the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. MacLaughlin.