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Spotsylvania woman pleads guilty after embezzling from octogenarian's bank account

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Crasco

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A woman who stole nearly \$50,000 from an elderly woman's account while working at a local credit union last year was convicted of six felony charges last week.

Allison Anne Crasco, 29, of Spotsylvania County pleaded guilty to six counts of embezzlement in Fredericksburg Circuit Court. Following her pleas, she was placed in the Rappahannock Regional Jail to await sentencing on Oct. 14. Each embezzlement count carries a penalty of between one to 20 years in prison.

According to prosecutor Travis Bird, Crasco was working at the NSWC Federal Credit Union branch in the city when she stole \$48,850 over a 10-month period that spanned 2013 and 2014.

Bird dropped a number of charges Crasco had been facing, in part because the money has been repaid.

The victim is an 87-year-old woman who suffers from dementia. After a family member noticed discrepancies in her account, the woman went to the bank to complain, Bird said.

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The credit union investigated and discovered that Crasco, who was no longer working for the company when the complaint was lodged, was the only teller who had dealt with the woman's questionable transactions.

The money had been taken through about 37 different transactions, and the victim's name had been forged on withdrawal slips.

City police arrested Crasco on Dec. 10.

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