



SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Theft from an Individual with Developmental Disabilities

In May of 2018, the Summit County Sheriff's Office received a report that an individual was misappropriating funds from the bank accounts of several individuals with developmental disabilities. The matter was turned over to the Summit County Sheriff's Detective assigned to the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board. The investigation was conducted in conjunction with detectives from the Portage County Sheriff's Office. It was alleged that the suspect, identified as Beth Wallace-Cox had been utilizing the victims' funds for her own personal gain. Through the investigation, it was determined that there were 49 victims in Summit County and Portage County. Wallace-Cox is the owner of a business called Payee Ship Solutions. The business provides payee services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

On January 3, 2019, Beth Wallace-Cox, age 46 of Rootstown was arrested and charged with Theft from a Protected Class (F-3), Forgery (F-3), and Tampering with Records (F-3). She was transported to the Portage County Jail.