

# Credit union employee charged with embezzlement

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A 48-year-old Macon woman has been charged with embezzling \$624,608 from MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union in a span of six years.

Lisa R. Cox is charged with embezzlement by a credit union employee and making a false entry in credit union records, according to federal court records.

Cox, while an employee of the credit union, is accused of taking the money from teller drawers and the vault between July 15, 2001 and May 7, 2007, according to a charging document filed in federal court Thursday.

Cox hid the embezzlement by making a series of false entries into the general ledger maintained by the credit union at its Mercer University Drive branch, according to court records.

an entry stating that the vault contained \$500,000 in "nickel denomination coins" when she knew the vault didn't contain the coins, according to the records.

Cox could not be reached for comment Monday and phone messages left at the credit union were not returned.

Sue McKinney, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Middle District of Georgia, said she couldn't comment on how the embezzlement was discovered or whether Cox still is employed by the credit union.

Cox has not been arrested, McKinney said.

The next step for Cox will be a court appearance. A date for the appearance hasn't been scheduled, McKinney said.

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