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## **Embezzler convicted by a jury**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of March 12, 2018, a jury convicted a man of embezzling money from the store where he worked. The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team held the trial in courtroom 5110 before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judge.

James Rainer, 23, was tried for embezzlement. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Caldwell then sentenced Rainer to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. Rainer was also ordered to pay \$2,361 in restitution and perform 50 hours of community service.

Rainer was an assistant manager at Charlotte Russe, a clothing store in Charlotte. In October 2015, the business discovered that the amount of nightly deposits into the store's safe did not match the amount that was deposited into the bank. The store reported the matter to Charlotte-Mecklenburg police. Rainer was responsible for collecting money from the cash registers and putting that money into the store safe. The store's loss prevention officers matched the employee alarm codes with the dates of the short deposits and discovered that, after Rainer worked his shift and left the store, he used his alarm code to return after hours, open the safe and remove money. Rainer admitted his conduct to the store's loss prevention officer.

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