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Found Guilty on Both Counts of Grand Theft: Rana Klingner Trial

Written by Eileen Capson
Boise County - "We're dealing with, what many feel, was a horrible breach of trust," explained Jay Rosenthal, Chief Deputy for Boise County's

Prosecuting Office. "We appreciate the hard work of the Idaho State Police and the cooperation of Mary [Clerk Prisco] and her staff who were very helpful."



Rana Klingner with her attorney, Will Young, in Boise County Court held on December 9, 2015. Photo by Eileen Capson

The 6-day trial wrapped up on Tuesday, February 21st, with the verdict of guilty, per two counts of Grand Theft. Spencer Lay, Boise County's Deputy Prosecutor, spoke during closing arguments, before the jury deliberated. He addressed, "It's not about the access, it's about a combination of those things that *only Ms. Klingner had.*" Lay claimed that her "failure to say anything, was indicative of guilt." Missing Auditor Certificates (ACs) were repeatedly brought to her attention, along with checks that had not been cleared by the bank. Lay recounted that she would repeatedly tell employees of the county that the ACs were coming, only that she was very busy.

"Tens of thousands of dollars were stolen. *There's no question*

about that. We focused on a few individual departments. We focused our case, not only because the charge only requires \$1,000 or more, but because those have the *best* documentation. We would be here for days if we were to show every cent that was stolen. So, we focused our case around the documentation that you can actually follow *with a paper trail.* It clearly shows that over a thousand dollars was taken in 2013 and in 2014," says Lay.

Bailey & Company, the county's auditor, showed in 2014 that there was \$47,922 stolen. "In 2013, they don't show anything, but then there's a correction. *Money was stolen.* It clearly shows

it. Go through the audit, ladies and gentlemen," Lay told the jury. [Editor's Note: There is no addition on the Boise County website of this "correction".]

Auditor Certificates that were to be generated from the transmittals that the different departments accounted for were missing or partially combined. Lay explained, through the testimonies given, "They were searched for. *These funds are missing. They were stolen.* That's what the evidence shows. That's what the testimony shows." He added, "The reason why some of these transmittals are small, is to hide the fact that they were being taken. *It wasn't random...*

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Happenings

Garden Valley: ANNUAL TALENT SHOW, sponsored by the GV Senior Center. This is "The Really Big Show" to chase away the Winter blahs. Superb musical performances by some of Garden Valley's many talented artists and some fun "Skits" that will have you laughing out loud. It will be at The Crouch Community Hall, Saturday, Feb. 25th, doors open at 6:30PM." Refreshments available for purchase.

Idaho City: IC Historical Foundation's Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. March 11, 2017; Ray Robison Community Hall, 6:00pm, doors open at 5:30pm. Featuring Trudy's famous Corned Beef Dinner, Music, and Silent Auction. Great food, fine music, and conversation! Featuring Boise Basin Gold Miners' Logger, brewed with local hops. All proceeds go to the preservation of the History of Idaho City and the Boise Basin. Tickets: Trudy's Café, ICHF Board members, or call 392-6624.

Crouch/Garden Valley: February Show at the Garden Valley Center for the Arts presents the Fiber Art Show. Coming March 4th is the Annual Kid's Art Show. The Gallery uses a portion of proceeds from memberships and art sales to fund scholarships for students participating in art classes. For more information call/email: 208.462.6860 or gvca.gv@gmail.com

Garden Valley Food Pantry: Open 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 4- 5 pm, located at the Calvary Chapel Church on the Middlefork Road in Crouch. Non-perishable foods or cash donations accepted. Donations can also be made at the GV Market where there is a barrel at the front of the store. Volunteers are always welcomed. Contact Toni at 462-6929 or 462-4620.

Horseshoe Bend: Pantry is open on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month, located at the Annex, by the Horseshoe Bend School.

Crouch: Al-Anon support group for friends and family of alcoholics meets weekly at Crouch Community Church on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

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GV Boosters

Raise Money for All Sports



Written by Janet Juroch

Garden Valley - Just a few years ago, in 2014 to be exact, a group of sports minded parents formed a fundraising group. The idea was to meet the needs of updating sports equipment for the Garden Valley School. At the time, the football team needed newer protection gear.

Mark Palmer and Terry Tucker also wanted to fundraise for lights for the football field. Costs of providing field lights became an ambitious project to the tune of ninety thousand dollars. The reason to consider lights on the field was that there were so many parents, grandparents and other family members that cannot come to day games due to work schedules. Having games that were after dark would mean lights were needed to play at a later time. Lighting for the field project has a *gofundme* page at this time.

Some concerned parents joined in fundraising efforts to help the football team and in 2014 were able to raise over ten thousand dollars at a Terrace Lakes Ballbuster event.

At that time the total amount went entirely to the football team to get protection gear. The group just wanted to help the kids out. Getting lights for the field became secondary and viewed as a long term project. By 2015, the parents organized to become the Garden Valley Booster Club. According to Edie Nelson, Booster Club Treasurer, fundraising began to expand with burger stands at events and working at the cook shack at the football field. They have had big fundraiser dinners, golfing and auctions to raise money with 100% back to the sports programs.

Booster Vice President Bob Nelson said "We realized that other programs needed help, also, and so we split the funds up between all of them now". In the 3 1/2 years of fundraising the Garden Valley School sports programs have received over thirty-six thousand dollars in money for a variety of sports program equipment.

The Boosters had hoped to get more parents involved but Nelson says that there is a core of about 8 people that volunteer or sit on the Board. The current board members are Mark Palmer-Booster President, Bob Nelson-Vice Presi-

dent, Cindy Encinas-Secretary and Edie Nelson-Treasurer. The Nelsons explained, "We spend a lot of our own time and money to keep things going. It seems that so many people are interested in getting money but do not want to participate in helping raise the money." Edie spoke about the future of the Booster Club saying, "Soon the baton will need to be passed and others will eventually have to step up to the plate if they want to continue to get money for sports equipment."

Recently some parents had misunderstandings as to why the money is not going *just* to the football program. The Booster Club simply changed directions to fund all sports program needs. Now, any coach can make a request for a dollar amount for equipment and is brought before the Booster Club at their meetings. Edie Nelson said, "We want to be fair to everyone since every program has old equipment that needs to be upgraded and new programs starting out need new items." There is hope to get more parents involved and come to Booster Club meetings to see what is happening.