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'Bring this forward for public review'

Is city of Quincy an easy embezzlement target?

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QUINCY – City council is seeking answers from Mayor Tom Koch's administration about how former Elder Services Director Tom Clasby defrauded the city of around \$150,000. Koch fired



Clasby

Clasby in May 2024 amid a police investigation. At the April 6 meeting, Ward 6 City Councilor Deborah Riley introduced a resolve calling for a "comprehensive review of the city's purchasing, accounting, human resources, municipal finance and information technology processes to identify and address any vulnerabilities or gaps that allowed for the misuse of public funds."

After initially pleading not guilty after his January 2025 arrest, Clasby pleaded guilty in federal court to 12 counts of theft and fraud on March 9, 2026.

Investigators said he embezzled more than \$144,000 between 2020 and 2024, spending the stolen money on personal expenses, including:

- 153 pounds of bourbon steak tips
- 170 hours in a Weymouth music recording studio singing songs for his wife and others

• 27 fleece vests emblazoned with the words, "Men of Divine Mercy," a men's prayer group led by Mayor Koch and other top city officials

• cleaning services and a Toyota Prius for a "longtime female friend"

• a \$1,658 lacquered and framed self-portrait he intended to give to his wife
Clasby falsified purchase orders, funneled money through a fake New York City contractor and stole at least

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FOR THE FOODIES

5 bites of South Shore food news to devour

Jessica Trufant
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Smashburgers and elevated hot-dogs, a bottomless brunch and a spot with a menu featuring sample dishes from chefs all over the country.

These are just some of the exciting new options available on the South Shore. We're hungry just thinking about them.

(And if you missed last week's stories, click here for the 411 on foodie news. Also, check out the inside of Leo's Events and Restaurant in Braintree, which recently opened its doors. Plus, find out when some of the South Shore's regional spots are opening their doors).

If you have any tips you want our food, dining and grocery reporter to know about, reach out to Jessica Trufant at jtrufant@patriotledger.com.

New ice cream, burger joint set to open in Marshfield

Sundae Society is set to open at 1810 Ocean St. in Marshfield in the coming days.

Most recently Manny's Pizzeria, the new restaurant will serve smash burgers, sundaes and hot dogs. (The property has seen plenty of turnover since going up in the mid-1970s. Locals will remember it before Manny's as Captain Mack's Seafood and Caswell's Seafood and with plenty of colorful

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Christine James said she'd give her new job at WATD Radio in Marshfield three months. More than 35 years later, she's still there. James is the news director at WATD Radio.

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TRIUMPH OR TRAGEDY

Marshfield radio personality loves to tell a story

Ruth Thompson
Wicked Local
USA TODAY NETWORK

MARSHFIELD — Christine James was recovering from knee surgery when a neighbor who volunteered at the Talking Information Center — a radio reading service that's dedicated to the visually impaired — said the Marshfield or-

ganization was looking for volunteers with radio experience.

It was while she was volunteering there, in 1990, that she encountered Ed Perry, the larger-than-life founder and president of radio station WATD 95.9, which is in the same building on Enterprise Drive.

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