

Theft

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children in pre-kindergarten through third grade, while Eastview serves fourth and fifth grades.

Central-Denison PTO President Heather Torgerson said Masoni is no longer involved with either parent-teacher organization. Torgerson declined to comment further, citing advice from the police department.

"This is an ongoing investigation," she said.

Walworth County court records show that Masoni's troubles began long before she was booked on suspicion of theft.

In September 2016, Masoni filed a civil claim seeking child support payments from a man in Illinois.

One month later, the state of Wisconsin sued Masoni to recover \$5,533 in unemployment benefits that she had collected. Court records show that Masoni repaid the unemployment benefits in June 2017, only to face another lawsuit a short time later from a company claiming she owned the company \$1,049.

That small-claims case was resolved in August 2017.

Lake Geneva police report that they received a complaint alleging thefts from the Central-Denison PTO over a period of near-

ly two years, between May 2016 and March of this year.

Police said the alleged thefts involved more than \$5,000 and less than \$10,000.

Investigators would not disclose other details, saying the case was still under active investigation.

School Board President Marcie Hollmann said school district administrators have informed the board of the PTO theft investigation.

Hollmann said School Superintendent Jim Gottinger reported that he had turned the matter over to police.

"It is being handled properly," Hollmann said.

Gottinger said the district took action after PTO representatives alerted the administration to "suspected inappropriate use of funds." Gottinger said the amount of money involved remains under investigation.

Masoni received a school board award in 2015 and another award earlier this year for her volunteerism.

Boilini said knew of Masoni's past involvement with PTO, and she was aware of the theft allegations.

"I know the police are working with the PTO," she said. "I guess we just have to let the police take charge of this."