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Ex-Tower VP indicted on 3 embezzlement counts

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The former vice president in charge of mortgage lending at a Tower Bank branch has been indicted by a federal grand jury on three counts of embezzlement and misapplication by a bank officer, accused of misappropriating nearly \$700,000.

Judy Quackenbush, 52, of Fort Wayne, has been accused of converting \$680,823.49 of the Huntington branch's funds for her own use.

The indictment, which was filed March 28, said Quackenbush took \$21,082.26 of the money from checks that were made payable to Tower Bank, and \$511,140.72 of the money from the bank's wash-out account, which was used to disburse loan proceeds to borrowers at closing on residential loans that were sold on the secondary market.

Quackenbush is also accused of using \$148,600.51 that was intended to pay off a customer's loan balance and was in the form of a check made payable to Tower Bank.

If Quackenbush is convicted of any one of the three counts of embezzlement and misapplication that she is charged with, she could face a fine of up to \$1 million and up to 30 years in prison. If she is convicted on all three counts, she could face up to \$3 million in fines and up to 90 years in prison.

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