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On January 9, 2014 the Chelan County Sheriff's Office started a theft investigation that was initiated by the City of Leavenworth. The City of Leavenworth contracted a management position with David Winters to oversee the Festhalle in Leavenworth. Winters' job duties were to complete the required documentation for renting the Festhalle and to take both the deposits and payments with the rental agreement. Through Chelan County's investigation it appeared Winters was targeting Hispanic renters by agreeing to rent the Festhalle, but he was not reporting or depositing the payments. Winters was keeping both payments for himself. All the victims associated with the theft were Hispanic. Over \$5000 was unaccounted for and only a portion of this was paid back by Winters. Based on this information, Chelan County Detectives executed a search warrant at Winters' residence and ultimately arrested Winters for Theft 2nd degree. The Chelan County Prosecutors Office recently amended the charges to Theft 1st degree.

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