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## **More details emerge in Kid Street Charter embezzlement case**

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A Santa Rosa charter school's finance manager had financial control over the school's operations and forged the signature of the school's executive director on perhaps hundreds of checks written to herself that drained nearly \$400,000 from the school's coffers, Sonoma County District Attorney's officials said Friday.

However what remained unclear is how Sheila Accornero, known as a "stellar" employee of the Kid Street Learning Center Charter School up until her Tuesday arrest, allegedly was able to conceal the drained funds from auditors, school staff and district officials.

"Did she falsify reports to auditors? That's still in the investigation stage," Deputy District Attorney Amy Ariyoshi said.

Also unclear was how the school continued its operations as funds disappeared, and how much cash remains in the school's accounts only two days before the school year begins.

Those issues continued to simmer Friday as school supporters learned of the alleged crimes and the investigation into the embezzlement case continued in Santa Rosa.

Kid Street Executive Director Linda Conklin has vowed that the school will open Monday as scheduled and will eventually recover from its losses.

Accornero, 42, paid all the bills, handled all the school's donations and other receivables, maintained all financial reports and ran payroll since she was hired in 2005, Ariyoshi said.