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Former Auburn, Ks City Clerk Pleads Guilty

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - A former northeast Kansas city clerk has pleaded guilty to a federal embezzlement charge on the same day her former employer filed a separate civil suit.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports 61-year-old Alice Riley entered her plea Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary Sebelius. The former Auburn clerk admitted embezzling at least \$186,000 from the city, where she managed payroll and other accounts.

Riley resigned in February after 31 years in the position amid questions from the City Council and multiple-year audits into the city's finances.

Prosecutors say she issued duplicate payroll checks to herself and deposited other authorized checks into her personal accounts, then tried to cover it up by creating false entries in the city's books and bank statements.

Prosecutors say Riley gambled away most of the money.

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