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LV County Woman Pleads To Embezzlement

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth County woman pleads guilty to federal tax evasion.

That word from the office of U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom, who says 53-year-old Elizabeth Lucero made the plea Wednesday.

She pleaded guilty to one count of willful failure to collect or pay over employment tax, totaling more than \$856,000.

The Basehor resident owned a home health care business in the Leavenworth County community, and in her plea, she admitted the crime occurred while she owned Sunshine Home Health Care.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says Lucero's company, from 2007 to 2011, withheld payments from employee's paychecks, but made no payments to the IRS.

Additionally, it's stated that Lucero, acting against the advice of her accountant, had the company pay for hundreds of thousands of dollars of her personal expenses, including cash withdrawals at casinos for gambling and a \$50,000 Cadillac.

In her plea, Lucero agreed to pay restitution.

Sentencing will be set for a later time.

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