

Restitution Ordered for Former Chamber Treasurer

**(KNZA)--The former Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce treasurer convicted of embezzling funds from the organization has been ordered to pay more than \$8,000 in restitution.**

**Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says that came after a more than two hour hearing Monday for 42-year-old Beth Makita.**

**Makita was given a suspended 16-month prison sentence last month on charges of felony criminal use of a financial card and felony theft. She was placed on one-year supervised probation and ordered to pay restitution.**

**Hill says Makita disputed over \$4,000 of the nearly \$8,500 requested by the Chamber. After hearing a lot of evidence, he says District Judge Jim Patton ordered Makita to pay \$8,372 in restitution.**

**She pleaded no contest in April to the charges. As part of a plea agreement, a charge of identity fraud was dismissed.**

**Makita was charged with the theft of funds between August 2014 and April 2015 while serving as Chamber treasurer.**

**She was arrested last November following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.**

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