

Embezzlement Earns Prison Stay

(KAIR)--A Leavenworth woman was sentenced Tuesday to four months in custody followed by four months home confinement for embezzling more than \$500,000 from the bank where she worked. She was also ordered to pay full restitution.

According to U.S. Attorney Tom Beall, 29-year-old Ashley Blacketer pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement by a bank employee. In her plea, she admitted the crime occurred while she worked for Exchange National Bank & Trust in Leavenworth.

Over a period of six years, Blacketer covered up the crime by falsifying a ledger showing the amount of cash in the bank's vault. The crime was discovered during an audit after she left the bank for another job.

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