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Plea in Hiawatha Realty Company Theft Case

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha woman accused of the theft of funds while she worked for a local realty company has entered into a plea agreement.

35-year-old Gretchen Randall pleaded “no contest” Friday in Brown County District Court to charges of felony theft and misdemeanor criminal use of a financial card. In exchange for the plea, an additional count of felony theft was dismissed.

Sentencing was set for May 23rd.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says the crimes occurred in 2014 and 2015 while Randall was employed with Heartland Realty in Hiawatha. During that time, Hill says Randall handled rental payments made for storage units owned G & G Callaway Inc., which was managed by Heartland.

Hill says an audit revealed more than \$10,000 cash and nearly \$15,000 in checks weren't deposited in the bank. He says Randall ended up destroying the checks.

She was arrested in January following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.

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