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Pearl Woman Pleads Guilty to Bank Fraud

Jackson, Miss - Karen Sue Smith, Age 41, of Pearl, pled guilty in U.S. District Court today to one count of bank fraud, U.S. Attorney Donald R. Burkhalter announced. Smith admitted that while she was employed as a teller at Regions Bank in Jackson from 2003-2006, she would remove cash from her teller drawer and conceal her embezzlement by creating false credit and debit tickets, and use customer deposits to show her drawer in balance. Smith embezzled approximately \$64,285.00 from the bank.

Smith is scheduled to be sentenced on May 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. She faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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