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Prison Sentence given in Greene County Treasurer's Office Embezzlement Case

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney announced that Lisa M. Burns, 50, of Springfield, MO was sentenced today for the Class B felony of Stealing. She was sentenced for appropriating more than \$44,000 from the Greene County Treasurer's Office from January 1, 2007 to January 31, 2010, while she was employed there as a deputy treasurer.

Burns was sentenced by The Honorable Calvin Holden to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Probation was denied under the shock treatment statute, which will allow for the defendant to serve 120 days in the Missouri Department of Corrections and then be eligible for probation. If granted probation, the Court ordered her to pay restitution for the theft.

The defendant was indicted by the Greene County Grand Jury in December of 2010. Burns had entered an open plea in April of 2011, which means there was no agreement with the State concerning the sentence in the case. The defendant was subject to the entire range of punishment of a Class B felony, which is five to fifteen years incarceration.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Russell. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Shane Gooden was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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