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Iowa woman sentenced for mail fraud

A 37-year-old Northwood, Iowa, woman was sentenced today in federal court in connection with a scheme to defraud and to obtain money from her employer, located in Albert Lea.

On Jan. 30 in St. Paul, United States District Court Judge Donovan Frank sentenced Amy Lynn Malakowsky to 27 months in prison and three years supervised release on one count of mail fraud. Malakowsky was charged on Oct. 6, 2008, and pleaded guilty on Oct. 14, 2008.

According to Malakowsky's plea agreement, she did knowingly and intentionally devise and execute a scheme to defraud and to obtain money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses from DIMA Corp. Malakowsky, admitted that from January 2003 through November 2007, she used approximately \$359,673 of the company's funds to pay personal credit card bills and made false entries on the company's books and records to conceal her misappropriation of funds.

This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and was prosecuted by U.S. Attorney Frank J. Magill.