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Sauk Rapids woman pleads guilty to embezzlement

A 36-year-old Sauk Rapids woman pleaded guilty today in federal court for embezzling more than \$96,000 from the bank at which she was employed.

Tamara McNaughton pleaded guilty to one count of financial institution embezzlement and misapplication of funds. She entered her plea on March 11 in Minneapolis before United States District Court Judge Ann Montgomery. McNaughton was charged on Feb. 10.

According to McNaughton's plea agreement, she admitted she knowingly embezzled and willfully misapplied approximately \$96,228 from the American Heritage National Bank in St. Cloud from Feb. 1, 2006, to Feb. 1, 2008.

McNaughton faces a potential maximum penalty of 30 years in prison. Judge Montgomery will determine McNaughton's sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathan P. Petterson.