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Mississippi Woman Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement from a Tribal Organization

Jackson, Miss - Wendy Ben, age 27, pled guilty before U.S. District Judge Tom S. Lee to Embezzlement from a Tribal Organization, U.S. Attorney Donald R. Burkhalter, announced today. Ben embezzled in excess of \$10,000 from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians while employed as a court clerk for the Choctaw Tribal Court system from 2007-2008. She is scheduled for sentencing on July 15, 2010, and faces a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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