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## **Federal Court Sentences Former University of Iowa Hospital Employee on Mail Fraud Charges**

DAVENPORT, IA - On October 23, 2014, Jennifer Robyn Whitmore-Meier, age 37, of Avon, Colorado, was sentenced by United States Chief District Court Judge James E. Gritzner to three years of probation, after pleading guilty to three counts of mail fraud, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Whitmore-Meier was also ordered to pay \$300 to the Crime Victim Fund and restitution.

Whitmore-Meier worked for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics as an IT consultant from 2002 to 2011. Between February 8, 2003, and November 2, 2011, Whitmore-Meier purchased at least 567 items with University funds without approval or notice by the University, and then sold the items on eBay for gross proceeds of \$122,374.87. Whitmore-Meier also used University funds to pay for accessories, shipping materials, and shipping costs affiliated with the items that she sold on eBay and also used University funds for personal eBay purchases. Over this same time period, Whitmore-Meier electronically transferred \$118,553 in proceeds to her personal bank account. Whitmore-Meier admitted that she acted with the intent to defraud in executing this scheme.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the State of Iowa Auditor's Office. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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