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**FORMER OFFICE MANAGER FOR ALEXANDRIA PATHOLOGY LAB
SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT FOR EMBEZZLEMENT**

\$350,000.00 Stolen

Alexandria, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that the former office manager for Alexandria Pathology Lab, was sentenced to 27 months in federal prison for embezzling \$350,000.00. U.S. District Judge Dee D. Drell also ordered the defendant to pay restitution of \$350,000.00 and a fine in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Linda M. Deselle, 59, of Cheneyville, La., was charged in November 2011 and pleaded guilty on June 4, 2012 to wire fraud charges. While employed as the office manager for the Alexandria Pathology Lab, Deselle began to issue fraudulent checks from the company checking account to herself and her personal creditors. In order to make the fraudulent checks appear to be for a legitimate Alexandria Pathology Lab business expense, Deselle would write the fraudulent check so as not to generate a carbon copy and would then create a fictitious carbon copy of the check to appear as a business expense. From January 2006 through July 2010, Deselle issued fraudulent checks totaling \$350,000.00 that were deposited into her personal bank account and the accounts of her personal creditors.

The case was investigated by Special Agent Kevin Bodden, United States Secret Service, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney J. Collin Sims.

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