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Guilty Plea in Greene County Treasurer's Office Embezzlement Case

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecuting Attorney announced that Lisa M. Burns, 50, of Springfield, MO entered a guilty plea to the Class B felony of Stealing. Burns pled guilty to appropriating more than \$44,000 from the Greene County Treasurer's Office from January 1, 2007 to January 31, 2010, while she was employed there as a deputy treasurer.

Burns entered a guilty plea before the Honorable Calvin Holden to one Count contained in the felony indictment. This case was presented to and indicted by the Greene County Grand Jury in December of 2010.

Burns entered an open plea, which means there is no agreement with the State concerning the sentence in the case. As such, the defendant is subject to the entire range of punishment of a Class B felony, which is five to fifteen years incarceration in the Missouri Department of Corrections. Judge Holden set a sentencing hearing for June 20, 2011 at 3:00 PM following completion of a sentencing assessment report by the Department of Probation and Parole.

**This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Russell. It was investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Shane Gooden was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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