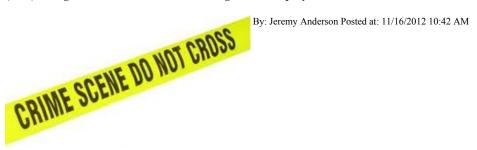




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(S.D.)-Sturgis Woman Admits Embezzling From Employer



STURGIS, S.D. (AP) - A Sturgis woman has pleaded guilty to stealing from her former employer in Rapid City. Thirty-six-year-old Darcy Szymanski (shuh-MAN'-skee) handled accounts for the investigative services company Kolbach and Associates.

She was accused of taking more than \$1,000 during her two years serving as business manager. Prosecutors dropped forgery charges in exchange for her guilty plea to a charge of grand theft by embezzlement. Szymanski faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine when she's sentenced on Dec. 20. She also will face restitution.