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## **FORMER UMB BANK EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO DEFRAUDING BANK OF MORE THAN \$22,590**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former UMB Bank employee pleaded guilty in federal court today to charges of defrauding the company of \$22,590.50.

**Jennifer A. Bohanon**, 27, of Independence, Mo., waived her right to a grand jury indictment and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon to a federal information charging her with stealing \$22,590 from UMB Bank between December 2001, and June 13, 2002.

**Bohanon** was employed as a teller by UMB Bank in Kansas City, Mo. She first was employed with the company in August 2000.

During the scheme to embezzle money from the bank, Graves said, **Bohanon** would take money from her cash drawer and inflate her daily totals. As the dollar amount grew, **Bohanon** admitted that she began hiding the thefts by falsifying documents at the bank and by obtaining money from the vault without processing all of the proper paperwork. Since her actions would cause the vault balance to be short when counted, **Bohanon** also admitted she positioned herself as one of the dual associates assigned to balance the vault records and falsify those records as well.

**Bohanon's** actions were discovered by the bank following a surprise audit of her teller drawer balance on June 14, 2002.

As a result of today's guilty plea, **Bohanon** may be sentenced to up to 30 years in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$1 million. The court may also impose an order of restitution. The sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the

U.S. Probation Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Parker Marshall. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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