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## **FORMER BANK EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR \$54,000 EMBEZZLEMENT**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former bank supervisor was sentenced in federal court today for embezzling more than \$54,000 from Commerce Bank in Kansas City, Mo.

**Pamela M. Cato**, 45, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to two months in federal prison without parole, followed by five years of supervised release, including two months of home detention. The court also ordered **Cato** to pay \$27,535 in restitution.

On Sept. 9, 2003, **Cato** pleaded guilty to two counts of embezzlement of funds by a bank employee. **Cato** was formerly employed by the bank as an evening shift supervisor. **Cato** admitted that she devised a scheme to fraudulently credit her two personal checking accounts at Commerce Bank, debiting the general ledger accounts to conceal her theft. **Cato** embezzled approximately \$54,457 in eight separate transactions from 1, 2001, through Aug. 3, 2001.

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

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