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## **FORMER BANK MANAGER SENTENCED FOR STEALING \$95,000**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former bank manager was sentenced in federal court today for stealing more than \$95,000 from First National Bank in Houston, Mo.

**Donna Kathleen Chambers**, 32, of Bucyrus, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to one year and one day in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Chambers** to pay \$95,650.35 in restitution.

On Nov. 26, 2002, **Chambers** pleaded guilty to a federal information charging her with stealing in excess of \$95,000 from First National Bank between March 1997 and February 15, 2002.

**Chambers** began employment with First National Bank in 1993, Graves said. She was promoted to Bookkeeping Manager in 1998 and to Assistant Vice President, Operations Manager in 1999. **Chambers** resigned her employment on February 15, 2002.

**Chambers** admitted that she began taking money from First National Bank in March 1997. Graves explained that this theft was accomplished by diverting internal bank receipts and other funds from the bank's internal accounts to individual accounts from which **Chambers** was authorized to withdraw funds. After diverting the bank's funds to these individual accounts, **Chambers** withdrew or otherwise used the funds for her benefit, Graves said. **Chambers** admitted that her thefts involved more than 75 separate diversions of bank funds, and several of these diversions individually involved more than \$1,000, for an aggregate theft of at least \$95,650.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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