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## **FORMER BANK EMPLOYEE INDICTED FOR FRAUD**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for defrauding her employer.

**LaDana L. Gilbert**, 23, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury this afternoon in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Gilbert** embezzled funds from FirStar Bank, formerly Mercantile Bank, between May 8, 2000, and June 1, 2000. **Gilbert** was employed as a loan processor at the bank. As an employee she had access to an Operation Center check machine and created 16 Mercantile Bank official checks in the total amount of \$37,552.87, the indictment alleges. The checks ranged in values up to \$8,722. The federal indictment also alleges when she misapplied the funds, she intended to defraud the bank.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Linda Parker Marshall and Kenneth E. Weinfurt. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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