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OVERLAND PARK HUSBAND, WIFE INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLING OVER \$2 MILLION FROM PRINTING COMPANY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that an Overland Park, Kan., couple has been indicted by a federal grand jury for embezzling about \$2 million from the wife's employer.

Tamie J. Gordon, 42, and **Ronald E. Gordon**, 38, both of Overland Park, Kan., were charged in a 16-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 26, 2003. That indictment, which was sealed by the court, was unsealed and made public upon **Tamie Gordon's** arrest and initial appearance in federal court today.

Tamie Gordon worked as a controller for Print Time, Inc., in Leawood, Kan., from 1992 to Feb. 11, 2003. Her husband, **Ronald Gordon**, who is self-employed, trades golf clubs on E-Bay.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Tamie Gordon** embezzled approximately \$2 million from Print Time, Inc., between January 1996 and Feb. 10, 2003. The indictment alleges that **Tamie Gordon** embezzled funds from Print Time by writing checks, drawn on the company's operating account, which were deposited into the joint accounts of her and her husband at Bank of America in Kansas City, Mo. **Tamie Gordon** also allegedly made unauthorized wire transfers from the company's operating account to the co-defendants' joint checking and savings accounts at Bank of America.

The indictment also alleges that **Tamie Gordon** concealed her theft by destroying the false and fraudulent checks, making false entries in the company expense account records, and using journal entries to spread out the amount embezzled among expense accounts such as health insurance, accrued insurance payable, and other expense accounts.

On Jan. 15, 2003, **Tamie Gordon** allegedly transferred \$9,551.71 in three separate, unauthorized wire transfers from Print Time's account to the co-defendants' account for their personal benefit.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that, on Jan. 17, 2003, **Tamie Gordon** transferred \$17,206.25 in three separate, unauthorized wire transfers from Print Time's account to the co-defendants' account for their personal benefit.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that, on Jan. 29, 2003, **Tamie Gordon** transferred \$15,306.24 in four separate, unauthorized wire transfers from Print Time's account to the co-defendants' account for their personal benefit.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that, on Jan. 31, 2003, **Tamie Gordon** transferred \$9,103.12 in an unauthorized wire transfer from Print Time's account to the co-defendants' account for their personal benefit.

Counts Five through Fourteen of the federal indictment allege that **Tamie and Ronald Gordon** signed a series of checks from their joint account at Bank of America for a variety of purposes between February, 2002, and January, 2003, thus transferring criminally derived property – money derived by fraud as alleged in Count One – in interstate commerce.

Count Fifteen of the federal indictment is a criminal forfeiture count, which would require **Tamie Gordon** to forfeit to the United States all property derived from the proceeds of the offense alleged in Count One of the indictment. That forfeiture would include \$2 million in cash plus a list of property that includes:

- * Residence at 14729 Maple Street, in the Lionsgate by the Green subdivision in Overland Park, Kan.
- * A 1999 Ford Expedition
- * Precious gemstones, precious metals, and jewelry, including several Rolex and other watches, and a number of necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, pendants, and gold chains.
- * A 7-foot Olhausen pool table
- * Sony high definition satellite receiver and tuner and an RCA high definition television satellite dish receiver
- * Mitsubishi 73-inch high definition projection big screen television and a Fujitsu 42-inch widescreen plasma television
- * Stereo equipment (including surround sound systems, speakers, and DVD players)
- * Tuff Stuff weight machine and True treadmill
- * Furniture and furnishings, including a leather sofa and recliner and an 82-inch executive desk
- * Funds and/or vacation to Cabo San Lucas

Count Sixteen of the federal indictment is a criminal forfeiture count, which would require **Tamie and Ronald Gordon** to forfeit to the United States all property derived from the proceeds of the offense alleged in Count One of the indictment. That forfeiture would include \$172,013.59 in cash, plus the property listed in Count Fifteen.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges 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. Attorney Linda Parker Marshall. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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