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OVERLAND PARK WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLING \$2 MILLION FROM EMPLOYER, HUSBAND PLEADS GUILTY TO MONEY LAUNDERING

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Overland Park, Kan., woman pleaded guilty today to embezzling about \$2 million from her employer and her husband pleaded guilty to money laundering.

Tamie J. Gordon, 42, and **Ronald E. Gordon**, 38, both of Overland Park, Kan., pleaded guilty in separate hearings before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to their involvement in a embezzlement and money laundering scheme.

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.

Tamie Gordon was charged with embezzling money from Print Time, Inc., in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 26, 2003. **Ronald Gordon** was charged, in the same indictment, with money laundering.

Tamie Gordon pleaded guilty to embezzling approximately \$2 million from Print Time, Inc., between January 1996 and Feb. 10, 2003. She embezzled the 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 admitted to making unauthorized wire transfers from the company's operating account to the co-defendants' joint checking and savings accounts at Bank of America.

Tamie Gordon also 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.

By pleading guilty, **Tamie Gordon** admitted that, on Jan. 15, 2003, she transferred \$9,551.71 in three separate, unauthorized wire transfers from Print Time's account to the co-defendants' account for their personal benefit.

Tamie Gordon also admitted that, on Jan. 17, 2003, she transferred \$17,206.25 in three separate, unauthorized wire transfers from Print Time's account to the co-defendants' account for their personal benefit.

Tamie Gordon also admitted that on Jan. 29, 2003, she transferred \$15,306.24 in four separate, unauthorized wire transfers from Print Time's account to the co-defendants' account for their personal benefit.

Lastly, **Tamie Gordon** and **Ronald Gordon** pleaded guilty to a money laundry charge. **Tamie Gordon** admitted that she laundered money by transferring \$31,046.66 from the couple's checking account on July 18, 2002. **Ronald Gordon** admitted that he did the same by transferring \$24,125 from the couple's checking account on Jan. 29, 2003.

Both defendants also agreed not to contest the sale of property in Count 16 of the federal indictment, and **Tamie Gordon** further agreed not to contest the sale of property referenced in Count 16 of the federal indictment.

Count Fifteen of the federal indictment is a criminal forfeiture count, which requires **Tamie Gordon** to forfeit to the United States all property derived from the proceeds of the offense 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 also 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.

As a result of today's guilty plea, **Tamie Gordon** could be subject to a sentence of up to 40 years in prison without parole and **Ronald Gordon** could be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000 or twice the financial gain. The sentences will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigations by the U.S. Probation Office.

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

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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