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BOOKKEEPER SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLING MORE THAN \$20,000 FROM MONTEREY LAW FIRM

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Teresa Lynne McBride, age 59 of Monterey, was sentenced to three years of formal probation and 210 days in jail after pleading guilty to embezzling more than \$20,000 from a Monterey law firm.

In January of 2014, a Monterey law firm hired McBride, doing business as Expert Med-Legal, as a bookkeeper. This position allowed McBride to access the law firm's payroll program. Between June 2014 and October 2015, McBride deposited approximately \$21,770 worth of the firm's checks into her own bank account and subsequently altered the records to reflect a different payee.

McBride pleaded guilty to one felony count of embezzlement by an employee. Monterey Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta sentenced her to three years of felony probation and 210 days in the county jail. McBride will be responsible for paying the law firm more than \$29,000 in restitution, to compensate for the amount stolen as well as investigative costs to determine the extent of the theft.

The case was investigated by Monterey Police Department Detective Jeff Welch.