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KELLER GETS JAIL TIME FOR EMBEZZELING
SPRINGFIELD LITTLE THEATER FUNDS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Katherine J. Keller, 34, of Republic, MO was sentenced today for the embezzlement of funds from the Springfield Little Theater.

Keller was sentenced by The Honorable Calvin Holden to five years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for charges contained in the felony information. As part of her sentence she was ordered to serve 120 days in the Greene County Jail. However, 90 days of the shock time was suspended for the Court to use at a later time if it so desires. Following the 30 days in jail, Keller will be placed on five years of supervised probation with a condition of probation to make restitution to the Springfield Little Theater in the amount of \$43,542.52.

Keller was charged with the class B felony of stealing in that she was stealing from the Springfield Little Theater from June 9, 2008 and January 17, 2010. She was an employee at the Springfield Little Theater in the box office during that time and fraudulently refunded money to herself and stole cash. When confronted with these allegations, she confessed to stealing the money.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Russell. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Kevin Brown was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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