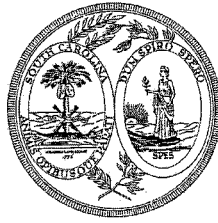


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GREENVILLE WOMAN SENTENCED TO 42 MONTHS

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Paula K. Hendricks pled guilty on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 to three counts of Breach of Trust greater than \$10,000 and Tax Fraud. The Honorable Robin Stilwell sentenced the defendant to 7 years provided upon the service of 42 months and 5 years probation on the Breach of Trust cases, and 5 years probation concurrent to the other sentence for Tax Fraud.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing established that between the dates of August 1, 2002 and July 9, 2010 the defendant was employed by FW Tool & Die Works as the company's bookkeeper. During that time she wrote 543 unauthorized checks to herself, her business "The Flower Box" and others that totaled \$802,669.63.

During the same time period of August 1, 2002 and July 9, 2010 the defendant also under reported her actual income to the State of South Carolina and failed to pay \$57,938.77 in taxes owed to the State.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Sylvia Harrison and investigated by Investigator Jeff Maxwell with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.