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Wichita, Kansas - A man who impersonated a veterinarian has been sentenced in Sedgwick County District Court.

Judge Jeffrey Syrios sentenced Danny Thomas, 49, of Wichita Friday to an underlying sentence of 54 months in prison and five years of probation for a series of financial crimes committed in Sedgwick County.

Thomas posed as a veterinarian under the name Chase McKnight to pass forged checks to buy equipment for his fictitious veterinary office. He pleaded guilty to five counts of forgery, three counts of identity theft, one count of felony theft and two misdemeanor thefts.

In addition to \$6,552.69 restitution for the victims of the forgeries, Thomas agreed to pay \$29,347.00 to the Kansas Dept. of Labor for unemployment benefits that he should not have received. The District Attorney agreed not to file additional fraud charges for the unemployment benefits in return for his plea of guilty to the other charges.

Judge Syrios told Thomas at the hearing that he could serve his prison sentence if he violated his probation.

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