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WICHITA, KAN. – A woman was placed on 24 months of probation for a pattern of criminal activity regarding estate sales stretching back to 2009. Carol J. Holmes, 59 of Wichita, pleaded guilty to one count of felony theft earlier this year. Today District Court Judge Jeffrey Goering sentenced Holmes to an underlying sentence of 13 months in prison, and placed Holmes on probation for 24 months. Judge Goering also ordered Holmes to pay \$42,806.44 in restitution to the eight victims and their families. Some of the victims attended the sentencing and told the court how the crimes impacted their lives.

Investigators with the District Attorney’s office reviewed a series of complaints by consumers during the course of the investigation. Charging documents alleged that Holmes, doing business as H&H Estate Sales, entered into a series of agreements to conduct estate sales with numerous victims between 2009 and 2014. After selling property, Holmes was to pay each victim a portion of the proceeds; however, she never made any payments. As part of the conditions of probation Judge Goering forbid Holmes from working in any capacity where she would be in a fiduciary responsibility to another person and ordered her to no longer engage in estate sales while on probation.

The Better Business Bureau scored her business an F.

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