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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A woman has been sentenced to prison after embezzling over \$100,000 from a Wichita business. On Thursday, District Judge Tyler Roush sentenced Michelle King, 41 of Wichita, to 38 months in prison with 24 months post release. She pled guilty on November 1<sup>st</sup> to one count of theft.

King was employed as an accountant for a property management company in Wichita from August 2020 to May of 2022. During that time, she embezzled over \$163,600 from five different accounts at the business. King wrote fraudulent checks, adjusted her personal insurance benefit payments, and took money through electronic funds transfers.

In court filings, King argued for probation citing that she was under immense pressure to sustain a certain standard of living. Chief of the Economic Crime Division, Avery Elofsson, argued that was not a “substantial and compelling” basis to grant probation. King was previously convicted of embezzlement from a prior employer and as part of this case admitted she was liable to a more recent third employer owing them over \$36,000. The case was investigated by the Financial Crimes Unit of the Wichita Police Department.

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