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Wichita, Kansas – A woman who stole more than \$500,000 from her former employer in Wichita has been sentenced to three years in prison.

Jeannette Block, 46 of Wichita, pleaded guilty in October in Sedgwick County District Court to one count of felony theft for taking \$571,915.47 from Pizza Hut of Southeast Kansas, Inc. where she worked for 15 years as an accountant and controller.

Court records show the thefts occurred during the last five years of Block's employment, which ended in 2014.

Block asked Judge Chris Magana to grant her an extended probation to pay back the money, citing family and health concerns as reasons to keep her out of prison. Block also told the judge that she sold her home and had returned \$200,000 of the stolen money to the victims prior to the sentencing hearing on Monday morning.

Judge Magana held that prison was more appropriate because the thefts occurred on multiple occasions. He noted that Block had two prior thefts in her history from 1991.

Block was given until Dec. 14, 2016, to surrender herself to authorities to begin serving her prison sentence.

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