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FORMER LIBERTY, INDIANA BANK EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR \$63,000 EMBEZZLEMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MAE BAKER, 37, Liberty, Indiana, was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following her guilty plea in August 2007 to embezzlement by a bank employee. BAKER's sentence will run consecutive to a conviction and sentence of imprisonment for a case of Unlawful Sexual Misconduct with a Minor from Union County, Indiana. Following her anticipated release on the state charges in June of 2008, she will begin to serve this federal sentence. The embezzlement was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

MAE BAKER was employed at United Communities National Bank in Liberty, Indiana. Starting in April 2004, BAKER began embezzling money from the bank by transferring money electronically from one of the bank's accounts, one of the bank's business customer's accounts, and one of her own relative's accounts. The thefts were discovered in February 2006 and BAKER was terminated. BAKER took \$63,667.11 and has been ordered to pay back the money.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed three years supervised release following BAKER's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, BAKER must obtain mental health counseling and not seek employment with any fiduciary duties. BAKER was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$63,667.11.

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