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## **TEXAS COLLEGE FORMER EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR THEFT OF FINANCIAL AID**

(Tyler, TX) A 32-year-old Tyler woman was sentenced today to 18 months in federal prison for misappropriation of funds at Texas College.

**TIFFANY RENEE JENKINS** was also ordered by United States District Judge William M. Steger to pay restitution in the amount of \$77,005.62 to Texas College and 30 individual students.

According to information presented in court, from April 2001, to October 2002, Jenkins was an accounts receivable clerk at Texas College in Tyler. During this time, Jenkins manipulated Federal Work Study funds and converted the funds for her own personal use. Jenkins pleaded guilty to the charges on June 7, 2004.

**Matthew D. Orwig, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas praised the work of the investigative agencies on this case, "The agents are to be commended for their diligence and hard work. Manipulation of federal educational funds will not be tolerated in the Eastern District of Texas. We will continue to aggressively investigate and prosecute those who steal from Texas' colleges, universities and students."**

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This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Traci Kenner.

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