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Former Greene Co. chancery clerk, wife guilty of embezzlement

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LEAKESVILLE, Miss. - Former Greene County chancery clerk William "Mel" Williams has pleaded guilty to nine counts relating to embezzlement of local funds from January 2000 to January 2004.

His wife, Tracy Williams, has pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement.

The pleas were entered Wednesday in circuit court.

District Attorney Tony Lawrence said the Williamses have 60 days to repay the embezzled funds. Lawrence said the couple will be sentenced following the 60-day period.

Lawrence said Mel Williams pleaded guilty to five counts of embezzlement involving nearly \$45,000 in public funds. Williams also pleaded guilty to three additional counts related to the failure to file fee cap reports in furtherance of embezzlement and one count of alteration of public records to conceal embezzlement.

Tracy Williams pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement of just under \$2,100 of court filing fees, Lawrence said in a <http://www.gulfive.com> article.

Williams was originally charged in September 2004 and resigned from office in August 2005.