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## Kmart sues former employee over alleged \$600,000 embezzlement

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Posted: 8:14 AM- PROVO -A woman accused in the embezzlement of \$600,000 from a Kmart store in Spanish Fork is now being sued.

Kmart has filed a lawsuit against Teresa Jex - a former employee - and her husband. The lawsuit alleges Teresa altered accounting records and falsified other records during the 27 years she worked as an office associate for the retailer. She was fired on January 12th.

Court documents say Kmart officials first noticed a problem with their records back in November and began an investigation that eventually led them to Jex. Court records say she then allegedly confessed to stealing the money over a six-year period.

Although Teresa's husband is listed as a co-defendant in the lawsuit, prosecutors say he isn't part of the alleged embezzlement case.

Jex has been charged with 20 counts of communication fraud, identity fraud and forgery. If convicted, she could face up to 15 years in prison.