



Former city manager sentenced

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— MUSKOGEE – A former Roland city manager was sentenced to prison this week and ordered to pay nearly \$225,000 in restitution during an appearance in federal court in Muskogee.

David Dwain Redden, 58, was sentenced on money laundering charges. He was sentenced to 27 months in prison and 36 months of supervised release. He was also ordered to pay \$224,983 in restitution to the city of Roland and a special assessment fee of \$100, said U.S. Attorney Sheldon Sperling.

Redden must report by May 25, 2007, to begin serving his sentence.

“Today the former city manager [of Roland] has been sentenced for laundering money he had stolen from the town of Roland,” Sperling said. “The public trough is not a personal piggybank.”

Charges arose from an ongoing investigation by the FBI. Redden issued checks for cash from the city of Roland’s bank account to McKinney Grocery and Station. He pleaded guilty to the charges in October 2006. Redden submitted vouchers to McKinney’s for office supplies, for which he received cash. McKinney’s then submitted invoices to the city of Roland, which were paid for with city funds.

U.S. District Judge James H. Payne presided at the sentencing. Assistant U.S. Attorney Dennis Fries represented the government.

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