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Woman admits bank embezzlement

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BOZEMAN - A Bozeman woman has pleaded guilty to stealing nearly \$35,000 from the bank she worked at.

Tracy Schroeder, 36, entered the plea to bank embezzlement Thursday in U.S. District Court in Missoula. Sentencing is scheduled Oct. 5.

She faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Schroeder was a branch manager at First Interstate Bank in Bozeman when prosecutors say she stole \$34,632 between March 2002 and January 2006 by transferring money from an overdraft account to a credit card advance clearing account.

She then moved the money into two joint accounts she shared with her husband and a third account belonging to his business, court records stated.

Schroeder filled out deposit slips using an account number to transfer the money, court records stated, but concealed her identity by not filling out required personal information.

Court records say Schroeder admitted to stealing the money when confronted by authorities.

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