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Former Employee Sentenced to Probation, Community Service for Stealing \$1,800 from DEA

PITTSBURGH - A former United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) employee was sentenced today in federal court to one year probation with 50 hours of community service on her conviction of theft of government property, United States Attorney David J. Hickton announced today.

Senior United States District Judge Donetta W. Ambrose imposed sentence upon Holly A. Cook, 44, of 119 Donora Road, Monongahela, PA 15063.

According to information presented to the court, in June 2012, Cook embezzled to her own use \$1,800 in cash of the DEA, monies to which she knew she was not entitled.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Ambrose took into consideration the defendant's lack of a criminal history, her early acceptance of responsibility and her full repayment of the \$1,800 embezzled by her.

Assistant United States Attorney Mary McKeen Houghton prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

U.S. Attorney Hickton commended the Special Agents of the United States Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, who conducted the investigation that led to the successful prosecution of Cook.

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