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FORMER DEA EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT

PHILADELPHIA - Kim M. Costello, 55, of Harrisburg, PA, pleaded guilty on January 22, 2015, to one count of embezzlement of government funds, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. In September 2012, Costello was the impress funds manager for the Drug Enforcement Administration's Harrisburg Resident Office when she embezzled \$2,079 in government funds.

U.S. District Court Judge Sylvia H. Rambo will scheduled a sentencing hearing at a future date. Costello faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release, a \$100 special assessment, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The case was investigated by the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General New Jersey Area Office, and is being prosecuted in the Middle District of Pennsylvania by Assistant United States Attorney Kishan Nair, from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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