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Genesee Township woman sentenced after charged with embezzling money from mother

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Haroletta Lilly Genesee County Sheriff
FLINT, MI -- An embezzlement charge against a Genesee Township woman was amended to a lesser charge after she was able to pay back the money.

Haroletta M. Lilly, 60, was sentenced Monday, Oct. 21, by Genesee Circuit Judge Archie Hayman to pay a \$250 fine after being convicted of disorderly person.

Authorities claimed Lilly stole more than \$4,000 from her elderly mother and used the money to pay her own personal bills as well as fund personal vacations.

Lilly pleaded guilty Aug. 27 to one count of attempted embezzlement. The plea agreement included a promise to amend the charge to disorderly person if Lilly repays the money, according to her attorney Frank J. Manley.



Charges were filed in June against Lilly after Adult Protective Services tipped off the Genesee County Sheriff's Elder Abuse task force to possible criminal activity.

Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell said that Lilly was the court-appointed guardian for her 85-year-old mother when she allegedly stole more than \$4,000 from her, from Nov. 2012 to April 2013.

Manley said the incident was nothing more than a family misunderstanding and that the resolution in the case was fair.

Pickell said that Lilly's mother was living in a Flint nursing home and that Lilly was responsible for paying her mother's bill.

However, Pickell said that Lilly had stopped paying the bills, even though her mother was receiving more than \$700 monthly in Social Security payments.

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