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RE: Jennifer Simmerman Pleads Guilty to Felony Theft

Jennifer Louise Simmerman, DOB: 9-5-58, appeared today in Jefferson County District Court and pled guilty to theft, a class 3 felony. Simmerman, the former Jefferson County Director of Human Resources, was arrested in March 2003, for unauthorized use of county funds over a two-year-period of time. The original investigation indicated that there was over \$52,000 in unexplained or unauthorized purchases. Court records also reflect that Simmerman was a frequent visitor to the casinos in Black Hawk and that she admitted to having a gambling problem.

As part of the plea agreement, Simmerman will pay \$40,000 in restitution no later than the date of sentencing, which is September 15, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in Division 1 of the Jefferson County District Court. The District Attorney's Office is recommending a sentence to Community Corrections, but she could face a prison sentence of between 4 and 12 years.

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