



DAVID J. THOMAS  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
Jefferson and Gilpin Counties

**For Immediate Release – September 15, 2003**

**Contact:** Pam Russell  
Public Information  
303-271-6905

**RE:** Jennifer Simmerman Sentenced to 9 Months Jail Work Release  
and 6 Years Intensive Supervision Probation (ISP)

---

Jennifer Louise Simmerman, DOB: 9-5-58, appeared today in Jefferson County District Court and was sentenced to six years Intensive Supervision Probation (ISP) with nine months in the Jefferson County Jail Work Release Program. As further conditions of probation, Judge Thomas Woodford ordered she pay \$40,000 in restitution (\$30,000 had been paid prior to today), 150 hours of useful community service, no gambling or visiting any establishment where gaming occurs and, if approved by the Probation Department, she must attend Gamblers' Anonymous.

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. She was a frequent, often daily, visitor to the casinos in Black Hawk and she admitted to having a gambling problem. Attorneys said that she put up to \$2.8 million into video poker games. While \$2.6 million came back to her, she sustained losses of around \$200,000. A substantial portion of the funds she stole from the county came from using her County procurement card (credit card) to purchase grocery store gift certificates, which she cashed for her own use.

Simmerman, an attorney and former prosecutor, pled guilty to theft, a class 3 felony, on July 29, 2003.

-end-