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GUILTY PLEA IN EMBEZZLEMENT

Two women accused of embezzling \$40,000 from the University of Colorado at Denver last year have pleaded guilty in connection with the case.

Margaret “Midge” Cozzens (DOB: 02-02-41) and **Mary Lou Fenili** (DOB 07-07-45) pleaded guilty today to *first-degree official misconduct* (M2).

They were accused of knowingly crafting a series of illegal payments for two former workers who had earlier been turned down for severance pay.

Fenili was sentenced to six months of unsupervised probation and was ordered to pay \$6500 in restitution. Cozzens faces a similar sentence with \$12,000 in restitution when she appears for her sentencing hearing on April 18, 2006.