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BANK TELLER CHARGED IN THEFT CASE

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey charged a former bank employee with theft and embezzlement last week, after a routine, unannounced audit by the company revealed missing funds.

Ruth Ann Sanko-Lenz (dob: 08-13-60) is charged with *theft* (F3) and *embezzlement* (F6).

The charges allege that Sanko-Lenz was able to steal tens of thousands of dollars between August 2006 and July 2007 by rotating large sums of money between her teller drawer, an ATM under her supervision, and the bank's vault. Losses are estimated at \$60,000.

Sanko-Lenz was arrested on July 16, 2007. She has been released from custody after posting a \$10,000 bond. She is scheduled to return for her second advisement on July 31, 2007 in Denver County Court, room 12T, at 9:00 AM.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See* Colo. RPC 3.6