

Batavia woman sentenced for embezzling money

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A Batavia woman will serve five months in a halfway house and five months home confinement as well as repay more than \$85,000 restitution after embezzling money from her employer, U. S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. reported Monday.

Deborah Dutton, 55, was sentenced by Chief U. S. District Judge William M. Skretny after her conviction on a federal check forgery charge.

Dutton embezzled the money from her employer from 2007 to 2010 by issuing checks to herself on the business account, according to Assistant U. S. Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala.

Wylegala said Dutton used a forged signature she created electronically on the checks.

Dutton has sold a collection of dolls to begin the restitution process, according to her attorney, and is in the process of putting her home up for sale toward satisfaction of the restitution order, federal officials said.