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Feb. 15— A Pittsburg, Kansas woman formerly employed by the Internal Revenue Service faces up to 10 years in federal prison and fines after admitting she stole thousands in public funds, a federal prosecutor said Thursday.

Becky L. Book pleaded guilty to one count of theft of public funds while she worked as an IRS revenue agent, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said in a news release.

In her plea, Book said she charged her employers for “a significant amount time” she did not work on assigned cases and used 14 travel vouchers to claim mileage to taxpayer appointments she never attended, Grissom said.

Her theft cost the government \$26,449.65.

Book's sentencing is scheduled for May 23. She faces the prison term, a maximum fine of \$250,000 and restitution, Grissom said.

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