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Iowa woman pleads guilty to mail fraud

A 36-year-old Northwood, Iowa, woman pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court in connection with an alleged scheme to defraud and to obtain money from her employer, located in Albert Lea.

Amy Lynn Malakowsky pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud Oct. 14 in St. Paul. Malakowsky, who was charged Oct. 6, entered her plea before United States District Court Judge Donovan Frank.

According to Malakowsky's plea agreement, she did knowingly and intentionally devise and execute a scheme to defraud and to obtain money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses from DIMA Corp. Malakowsky, admitted that from January 2003 through November 2007, she used approximately \$359,673 of the company's funds to pay personal credit card bills and made false entries on the company's books and records to conceal her misappropriation of funds.

Malakowsky admitted that on March 22, 2007, she mailed a DIMA Corp. check in the amount of \$1,120.46 to American Express to pay her personal credit card bill.

Malakowsky faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Judge Frank will determine her sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and is being prosecuted by U.S. Attorney Frank J. Magill.