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[DC High School Bookkeeper Pleads Guilty to Theft of School's Funds](#)

A former bookkeeper at the Hospitality Public Charter High School in Washington DC pled guilty November 9th on federal charges related to theft of funds belonging to the school. Thirty-two-year-old Ashanti Bumbray appeared in US District Court in the District of Columbia before Judge Rosemary Collyer to face a charge of theft from a program receiving federal funds, a felony.

Per a Statement of Offense filed in the case, Bumbray, of Waldorf, Maryland, worked as a bookkeeper a Hospitality Public Charter High School between September of 2008 and February of 2009. According to authorities, Bumbray embezzled more than \$23,000 of funds belonging to the school by "issuing checks and initiating banking transactions for her personal benefit." Details of the incidents of theft were not disclosed in an FBI press release regarding the incident, and authorities say the theft occurred between October of 2008 and late January of 2009. It was also not revealed how the embezzlement came to light.

It was not known whether Bumbray was assigned or retained a [Washington DC criminal lawyer](#) to face the federal charges in US District Court. The charge to which Bumbray pled guilty carries a maximum sentence of ten years in jail and a fine of up to \$250,000. Bumbray's sentencing was set for February 9th, 2011. Under sentencing guidelines, officials say Bumbray could receive probation in the case or up to six months in prison. Sentencing guidelines recommend a fine ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

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