

## Dependent adult victimized by guardian

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CASE NUMBER: LV-2023-CR-000540

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Topeka, Kansas, woman has pleaded guilty to charges related to stealing more than \$42,000 from an elderly woman who was under her guardianship.

Beverly Anne Freeman, 64, pleaded guilty on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024, to two counts of **Mistreatment of a Dependent Adult or Elderly Person** and one count of **Unlawful Acts Concerning Computers**.

According to court documents, between Sept. 2022 and Aug. 2023, Freeman was appointed as guardian of an elderly dependent family member. As part of the guardianship, Freeman was to facilitate payments from the victim's bank account to a nursing home facility in Easton, Kansas. Through the process of handling paperwork and determining why the nursing facility had not received payment, it was discovered that Freeman was using the victim's account for personal gain and not to pay the victim's nursing home bills. Freeman utilized online banking, phones, and ATMs to complete the taking of the money. Freeman used the stolen money for personal expenses like bill payments and food purchases.

Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "Check on the elderly and ask questions if ever you think anything is suspicious. This victim should've been able to trust that her guardian had her best interest in hand, but that simply wasn't the case.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Sept. 25, 2024.