

Basehor woman awaits sentencing after using deceased mother's check at Walmart

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan. --- A Basehor woman who stole a personal check from her deceased mother's checkbook and used it to purchase clothing and Reese's chocolate at a local Walmart is now awaiting sentencing.

On May 22, 2024, Danette R. Cox, 52, pleaded guilty to a single count of **Theft**. According to court documents, a relative of Cox notified the Leavenworth Police Department about a missing check from the checkbook of Cox's deceased mother. The check, stolen two weeks after her mother's death, was used June 20, 2023, to purchase clothing and chocolate at the Leavenworth Walmart.

County Attorney Todd Thompson said, "We always hate to see these types of cases. Protecting financial information following a death in the family and remaining vigilant is crucial to prevent unauthorized access and potential theft or fraud."

Sentencing in the case is scheduled for June 28, 2024.