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Former Fire Chief Pleads Not Guilty For Embezzlement

(KNZA)--A former Jefferson County fire chief has pleaded not guilty to charges of misuse of public funds and theft.

The Topeka Capital Journal reports 59-year-old John Gordon, of Valley Falls, entered the plea Thursday in Jefferson County District Court to the felony charges.

Authorities allege Gordon stole between \$1,000 and \$25,000 while serving as fire chief of Valley Falls-based Jefferson County Fire Department #11.

He was arrested in late June by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. His arrest followed an investigation by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Gordon is due back in court in January.

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