

Former Banner Creek Reservoir director sentenced

**(KNZA)--The former director of Jackson County's Banner Creek Reservoir, accused of stealing county property, will have to serve 30 days in jail as part of the terms of his probation on theft charges.**

***The Holton Recorder* reports 64-year-old John Kennedy enters pleas last week in Jackson County District Court to two counts of misdemeanor theft. In exchange for the plea, a felony count of burglary was dismissed.**

**He was placed on one year probation and fined \$2,500. In addition to the 30-day jail sanction, Kennedy was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service and prepare a public apology to the Jackson County Commission.**

**Kennedy was terminated by the Commission in February of last year. He had served as reservoir director since April 2015.**

**Authorities say Kennedy broke into the Banner Creek Reservoir shop following his termination and stole gas cans and cash.**

**He was arrested March 28 on a district court warrant following an investigation by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.**

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