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BOONE COUNTY MAN STEALS FROM MOM, SENT TO PRISON

A Boone County man will spend 5 years in the Department of Corrections for stealing approximately \$9000 from his elderly mother.

On April 6, 2009, Andy Faber, 39, pled guilty to stealing his mother's checks, forging her signature, and cashing them as well as using her credit card and making several unauthorized purchases. Faber was living with his mother as her caretaker because she had terminal cancer. During this time, she reported that her son was stealing from her to local authorities. Faber was arrested on theft charges. Faber's mother passed away while he was in jail. Faber was granted a furlough in September 2008 to attend her funeral but failed to return to jail. He was again arrested on escape charges to which he pled guilty. In addition to serving the prison term, Faber was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$9,107.34 to his mother's estate.

Boone County State's Attorney Michelle Courier and Assistant State's Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski prosecuted the case.

This case was investigated by the Visiting Nurses' Association. Visiting Nurses' Association can be contacted at 815-971-3502 to report cases of elderly abuse, including financial exploitation, physical abuse, or sexual abuse for victims ages 60 or older and who are not living in a nursing home or in a long term care facility. For cases involving victims ages 60 or older in nursing homes or long term care facilities, reports can be made to the Ombudsman at 815-966-5300 or 1-800-369-0895. For cases involving victims ages 59 or younger in nursing homes or long term care facilities, reports can be made to the Inspector General at 800-368-1463. To request police welfare checks, calls should be directed to 815-966-2900.