



Bankrupt FBI agent charged with stealing informant cash

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OKLAHOMA CITY — A bankrupt FBI agent is accused in a federal charge of embezzling \$43,190 in public funds that he was supposed to give confidential informants for tips on criminal activities.

Timothy A. Klotz, 45, of Yukon acknowledged in a signed statement that he falsified 66 receipts during a scheme that went undiscovered for more than four years.

“Mr. Klotz has cooperated fully with any and all investigations,” said his attorney, Michael Johnson.

“He has taken full responsibility from the very beginning for any of his actions that have caused any losses or harm.”

Klotz reported Jan. 30 in his bankruptcy petition that he had \$11,000 in gambling losses during the past year.

His attorney said the gambling “had nothing to do with it (the embezzlement), not even related.”

Klotz was charged last week in Oklahoma City federal court with embezzlement of public money.

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He has agreed to plead guilty to the felony charge, according to the signed statement. A hearing is scheduled for next week.



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He was involved in classified counterintelligence investigations.

Klotz listed \$163,764 in assets but \$255,722 in liabilities in his bankruptcy case. He reported making more than \$123,000 from his FBI job last year.

In dealings with informants, an FBI agent is supposed to take along another agent or government official to verify payments. Both agents are supposed to sign a receipt. Klotz is accused of forging signatures of FBI agents or U.S. Air Force special investigators on the 66 false receipts.

The scheme lasted from Oct. 17, 2007, to Dec. 16, 2011, according to Klotz's statement. He was entrusted with money at times from the Confidential Human Source fund, "which is used to develop information about criminal activities," according to the statement.

Klotz signed the statement May 17, swearing that the facts in the document "are true and correct." His attorney also signed the statement, and a prosecutor signed it May 29.

"Every time that Timothy Klotz embezzled money from the CHS fund, he knew that the money was not his and that it belonged to the United States," the document says. "On each occasion, Timothy Klotz took the money from the location where he received it to another location of his choosing ... with the intent to put the money to his own use or gain."

The FBI discovered the embezzlement through an audit, Klotz's attorney said.

The FBI has been criticized in the past for its handling of confidential funds.

A landfill fire that was sparked by lightning reignited early Tuesday, less than four hours after it was subdued.