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Billy J. Andersen will be sentenced March 26 in Chase County District Court after he and the county attorney's office agreed to a plea bargain.

Andersen, a former employee at Imperial Yost Farm Supply, admitted to theft by deception when he intentionally created false records on the Yost Farm Supply books that wrongly showed parts returns by customers.

Andersen then transferred funds into his own personal accounts as purported refunds for the false returns.

The activity resulted in more than \$55,000 in thefts.

County Attorney Arlan Wine said Andersen has agreed to full restitution of the funds and has been cooperative in the investigation.

Because of that, Wine said he dropped the theft by deception charge from a Class III felony to a Class IV felony. Andersen agreed to plead guilty to the Class IV felony.

Judge David W. Urbom accepted the plea agreement at a hearing Jan. 22, and set sentencing for March 26 at 10 a.m.