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Finally, I am beginning to feel as though my time spent in Valley State Prison For Women in Chowchilla, Calif., wasn't completely in vain.

Even while incarcerated for the thirteen months of a two-year sentence for embezzlement, I knew I had to take this experience turn it around, and use it somehow for a more positive, future betterment for me and for others. And, of course, my faith that got me through that horrific time.



Teri Lyn recently appeared on the Montel Williams Show

I cannot change what I did, I can only own up to it and use it as a tool to help educate and be a bigger and better part of a solution to the "White-Collar, Middle-Class" fraud crime epidemic growing in this state and in this country as a whole. Small thefts and embezzlements are being committed especially, and increasingly, by women.

My very first and only crime involved embezzlement of some \$18,000+ from McClellan Equipment, Inc. in Hanford Calif. from about September 1998 to January 1999, before a bank-processing employee caught me.

I allowed myself to see embezzlement as a "way out" from a huge debt burden resulting from child support attachments, arrearages attached on my earnings by my ex-husband, and other factors as well. I was newly divorced, had just moved to be closer to my aging and ailing parents, my younger brother had died suddenly, and I had no resources to help me get my house in order. I was overwhelmed. Life wouldn't have it any other way. I was alone, isolated, alienated, and deeply in debt.

Even though the company had an Auditor/Controller on site and a very rigid and microcontrolling office manager who had been with the McClellan's and their company for just over 25 years, I was not deterred from embezzling \$18,000+.

Teri Lyn tells you how your employees could fall into this trap and answers: First — the "Why" question Second — the "How I did it" question To book Teri Lyn as a speaker, Gary Zeune at 614-761-8911 or gzfraud@bigfoot.com.