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Charges were dismissed against Shirley Edwards by Keith County Judge James Worden during a preliminary hearing March 28.

Edwards, the wife of former Keith County Attorney Blake Edwards, faced two felony counts of theft by unlawful taking.

Both of the Edwardses were arrested Jan. 24 following an investigation by the Nebraska State Patrol.

Charges allege the funds of approximately \$18,000 from the diversion program were mishandled during time Blake Edwards was serving as Keith County attorney.

Judge Worden ordered further information and will decide whether Blake Edwards will be bound over to District Court.