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# Jailed 5 years for stealing \$838,000

A LAW firm's former finance and human resource manager was jailed for five years yesterday for siphoning \$838,200 from the partnership over a four-month period.

In 2007, Sally Ang began making unauthorised transfers from the office account to her personal bank account.

The 28-year-old admitted to nine charges – seven of misappropriating \$255,000 and two of self-laundering by transferring two sums of money out of her personal account.

On June 6 that year, she transferred \$100,000 to a bank account of Suncrest Holdings, belonging to her and her husband.

Four months later, she trans-

ferred \$90,000 from her account to make partial repayment on a housing loan for her Woodlands flat.

Ang, who joined Sadique Marican & ZM Amin in 2006, had the authority to make withdrawals from the firm's office account.

The offences came to light on Nov 22 that year, when two of the firm's partners reported to the authorities that their partner, Zulkifli Mohd Amin, had disappeared the day before with \$6 million in clients' money. He is still at large.

In the course of investigations, Ang, who had resigned that July, was contacted to help. Her crime was then discovered.

Ang tried to make restitution



**Sally Ang siphoned the money from the law firm she worked for in 2007.**

by selling her flat but the sale was not allowed by the Housing Board.

Another 40 charges were taken into consideration during sentencing. She could have been jailed for up to seven years and fined on each charge of criminal breach of trust. For transferring funds illegally, she could have been fined up to \$500,000 or jailed for up to seven years on each charge.

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