Company owner arrested second time for stealing from customers

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The owner of a local pharmaceutical distribution company who was arrested two years ago for stealing from her customers has been arrested a second time, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Janice Lawrence, 62, of the 9000 block of Belmore Court, was booked into the Caddo Correctional Center on four counts of felony theft.

Caddo Sheriffâ€™s Detective Bobby Herring said Lawrence, the owner of now-defunct USA Wholesale, recently completed a diversion program after being arrested in 2010 for similar crimes. While in diversion, detectives learned of several more pharmacies that had been defrauded by Lawrence between 2009 and 2010.

Lawrence used bank information belonging to her customers to make unauthorized charges that profited her business. Her most recent arrest was for charging a total of $11,622 to the credit cards of four pharmacies for products that were never ordered or delivered. Those pharmacies were Turnage Drug Store in Mississippi, Lancaster Pharmacy in South Carolina, Adcockâ€™s Medicine Chest in Texas, and Whiteâ€™s Pharmacy in Alaska.