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Police Prosecutor, Leading Senior Constable Kylie Jane said that about 6.20pm on November 26, 2013, Scott and another carer were attending to an 82-year-old female resident at a Geelong nursing home.

"The other carer left briefly and, when she returned, saw Scott standing over the resident's unzipped handbag," she said.

"Her co-worker reported her suspicions to senior staff and when the resident checked her bag, found her Westpac debit card missing."

The prosecutor said police, who had been investigating many thefts at the nursing home, spoke to Scott, who admitted stealing the debit card.

"Scott told police she stole $650 from the same elderly female in June and $100 from a 90-year-old male resident in August," Sen-Constable Jane said. "She claimed she owed $130,000 to Centrelink and up to $40,000 on credit cards and personal loans.

"It later came to light Scott also made six, $1000 cash withdrawals from the elderly female's account between November 13 and 22, 2013."

Caitlyn Wells-Simon, for Scott, said her client was in financial trouble and wanted to buy things for her children.

Magistrate Ann McGarvie said Scott's victims were some of the most vulnerable people in the community.

Scott was convicted on all counts and jailed for two months.

She was also placed on a 12- month community corrections order with 150 hours unpaid community work, to begin upon her release, and ordered to pay $6750 restitution.