

## Las Cruces Bookkeeper Indicted On 60 Felony Counts For Stealing \$500,000 From Two General Contractors

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LAS CRUCES – A Las Cruces bookkeeper accused of stealing \$500,000 from two area general contractors has been indicted on 60 felony charges of forgery, conspiracy, embezzlement and tax evasion. A Las Cruces grand jury on Thursday returned the indictments against Judd Moore in the Third Judicial District Court.

Moore, 45, was also indicted on a charge of practicing law without a license. Moore was arrested last July by the Las Cruces Police Department for allegedly stealing over \$500,000 from two general contractors while he worked as their bookkeeper. He also failed to report any additional income when he filed his personal income tax returns with the State for the years 2008 and 2009.

Moore could face up to 157 years in prison and \$330,000 in fines if convicted on all charges. Moore's wife and two adult children were also arrested and indicted on additional forgery charges.

The Las Cruces Police Department and the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department conducted the investigation. To report tax fraud, individuals can call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.