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Woman Arrested for Embezzling from State of New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. – The former manager of the Eunice Motor Vehicle Department has been arrested for embezzling funds intended for the City of Eunice and the State of New Mexico.

Mercy Jean Martinez, 41, has been charged with one count of embezzlement, a third degree felony. Martinez was charged in the Fifth Judicial District of Lea County.

“We will not tolerate those who attempt to steal from our state or our local communities,” said Demesia Padilla Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. “This individual will be held responsible for violating the trust that was placed in her by the people of New Mexico.”

As the manager of the Eunice Motor Vehicle Department, Martinez was entrusted with depositing money from the daily transactions. Martinez embezzled those funds by creating fraudulent deposit slips and pocketing the cash that she was entrusted with.

This case was investigated by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department. To report tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, contact the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789 or e-mail tax.fraud@state.nm.us.

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