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Tax Fraud Investigations Director Honored by New Mexico US Attorney's Office

SANTA FE - Tax Fraud Investigations Division Director Alvan Romero for the State Taxation & Revenue Department was recognized recently by the United States Attorney of the District of New Mexico for his "outstanding performance and invaluable assistance in support of law enforcement efforts in the community."

Romero was recognized by U.S. Attorney Greg Fouratt during the 7th Annual United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico Law Enforcement Recognition Awards Ceremony held in Albuquerque on Dec. 10.

Romero, a certified public accountant and a certified fraud examiner, was honored for his role in the investigations involving the New Mexico State Treasurer's Office, the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Courthouse and an offshore tax return preparer/income tax evasion scam which took him to Costa Rica.

"This award is not only a testament to Alvan and his professionalism; it's also a strong statement about how the Taxation and Revenue Department is committed to working with federal, state and local agencies to root out tax fraud and evasion," said State Taxation and Revenue Secretary Rick Homans

Romero, who is also certified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Financial Forensics, became the founding director of Tax Fraud Investigations Division after a career with the Internal Revenue Service.

“I am honored and humbled by this award which I also accept on behalf of my staff and all their hard work,” Romero said. “You are only as strong as your staff. We have accomplished much together and I am appreciative of the great opportunity that Governor Bill Richardson has given me.”

Romero, an Espanola Valley native, graduated from St. Anthony’s Catholic School in Dixon, Espanola High School, New Mexico State University and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. He is the son of Eloy and Bernice Romero, who still live in Velarde, New Mexico.