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## EL PASO WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH ESTIMATED \$940,000 EMBEZZLEMENT SCHEME

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that in El Paso, 42 year-old Olivia Enriquez pleaded guilty this morning to one count of wire fraud. As a result, Enriquez faces up to 20 years in federal prison, a maximum \$250,000 fine and restitution estimated at over \$940,000.

Appearing before United States District Judge David Briones, Enriquez, an office manager and secretary at a local insurance company, admitted that over the last five years, she fraudulently diverted money from her employer's bank and investment accounts without his consent. Enriquez further admitted that she forged her employer's signature on investment account withdrawal forms which she faxed to Mass Mutual Financial Group's headquarters in Springfield, Massachusetts. Enriquez accepted delivery of the Mass Mutual checks upon arrival at the insurance office, then negotiated those checks at a local financial institution for her benefit.

Enriquez remains on bond pending sentencing scheduled for 8:30am on October 7, 2008.

The case was investigated by agents with Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Laura Gregory is prosecuting this case for the Government.

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