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EL PASO WOMAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON IN CONNECTION WITH ESTIMATED \$940,000 EMBEZZLEMENT SCHEME

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in El Paso, 42-year-old Olivia Enriquez was sentenced to 63 months in federal prison for wire fraud in connection with an embezzlement scheme.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge David Briones ordered that Enriquez pay \$435,231.60 restitution to her former employer, \$500,000 restitution to Mass Mutual Financial Group, plus approximately \$40,000 to several financial institutions from which the defendant used fraudulently obtain credit cards. Judge Briones also ordered that Enriquez placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing her prison term.

Enriquez pleaded guilty on July 23, 2008. At that time, the 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.

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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