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Pine Ridge Woman Indicted for Theft

United States Attorney Randolph J. Seiler announced that a Martin, South Dakota, woman has been indicted by a federal grand jury for Larceny and Theft of Government Property.

Amy N. Garcia, age 32, was indicted on July 26, 2016, and appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Daneta Wollmann on September 28, 2016. She pleaded not guilty to the Indictment.

The maximum penalty upon conviction is ten years of imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both, three years of supervised release, and a \$100 assessment to the Federal Crime Victims Fund. Restitution may also be ordered.

The charges relate to Garcia altering and cashing payroll checks belonging to Dakota Plains Legal Services in Mission. The charges are merely an accusation and Garcia is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The investigation is being conducted by the Legal Services Corporation -Office of Inspector General. Assistant U.S. Attorney Ben Patterson is prosecuting the case.

Garcia was released pending trial. A trial date has not been set.

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