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DES Office of Inspector General Arrests Employee for Fraud

Martina Gonzalez Arrested for Suspected Fraud and Related Charges

PHOENIX – Director Timothy Jeffries announced today the DES Office of Inspector General (OIG) arrested DES employee, Martina Gonzalez of Phoenix, for suspected fraud and related charges.

“I commend the DES Office of Inspector General for the exemplary work they are doing to arrest those suspected of committing fraud against DES programs,” said Director Timothy Jeffries. “Our Great DES will not relent in protecting those we are privileged to serve, especially when fraud is detected within our own agency. The public has our firm commitment we will preserve and protect these precious taxpayer funds.”

DES OIG detectives discovered Ms. Gonzalez was involved in suspected fraud committed against a DES administered program. This evidence led to her probable cause arrest today.

OIG detectives arrested Ms. Gonzalez and she was booked into the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office 4th Avenue Jail in Phoenix.

“The Office of Inspector General will continue to work to maintain the integrity of DES administered programs,” said Inspector General Juan J. Arcellana. “That work includes safeguarding programs from suspected criminal activity committed by employees.”

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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