

News Release

Embezzlement Arrest

October 2, 2009 – Hobbs Police have arrested a former employee of the City of Hobbs for felony embezzlement. Forty-two year old Leha Searcy of Hobbs turned herself in today to Hobbs Police and was charged with Embezzlement over \$20,000.00 which is a 2nd degree felony.

Searcy was a secretary at the Hobbs Senior Citizens Center. She allegedly had been altering cash deposit records from the Senior Meals Program for the past couple of years. A routine audit for the Senior Citizen's Center Funding Program revealed the discrepancies. Upon completion of the criminal investigation it was learned that almost \$22,000.00 was missing from deposit records.

If convicted, Searcy faces a maximum fine of \$10,000.00 and 9 years in prison.

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