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Albuquerque Resident Indicted For Embezzlement and Tax Evasion

Albuquerque, N.M. – The Taxation and Revenue Department announced today that an Albuquerque resident has been charged with tax fraud and embezzlement. The charges follow an investigation by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Ms. Kristie Basey, 46, was indicted by a Bernalillo County Grand Jury on August 23rd, 2018 following a complaint filed in the 2nd Judicial District of New Mexico.

Basey, 46, has been charged with 2 felony counts – these charges include one count of embezzlement, and one count for Attempting to Evade or Defeat Tax. The maximum sentence for the two felony counts is up to twelve years of imprisonment and \$15,000 in fines. Or in the alternative, Basey is charged with one third degree felony count for Tax Fraud, which carries a basic sentence of three years imprisonment and not more than a \$5,000 fine.

“Our department works tirelessly to find and prosecute those with a criminal mindset who attempt to defraud and embezzle individual taxpayers and the State of New Mexico,” said John Monforte, Acting Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. “This Department does not tolerate willful ignorance of the law and will continue to work diligently to protect taxpayers by thwarting the efforts of those who would cheat the system and their fellow citizens.”

This case is being investigated by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and the Albuquerque Police Department – the case is being prosecuted by the 2nd Judicial District Attorney’s Office in Albuquerque, NM. To report tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789 or e-mail tax.fraud@state.nm.us.

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