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Albuquerque resident sentenced on embezzlement plea

SANTA FE — The Taxation and Revenue Department announced today that Albuquerque resident Kristie J. Basey, 46, has been sentenced to three years of supervised probation after pleading guilty in District Court to one count of embezzlement over \$20,000.

During a sentencing hearing in Second Judicial District Court on May 1, Judge Cindy Leos sentenced Basey to three years of supervised probation, which may convert to unsupervised probation if the defendant does not violate the terms of her probation in the first year.

Basey pleaded guilty to the embezzlement charge on March 26, 2019. One count of Attempting to Evade or Defeat Tax was dropped as part of the plea agreement. The guilty plea is subject to a conditional discharge.

Basey could be subject to a maximum of up to nine years in prison if she violates the terms of the agreement.

Basey has paid \$30,000 in restitution to the victim.

The Albuquerque Police Department began investigating the case as a possible embezzlement by Basey against her employer, Family Workshop Counseling Center of Albuquerque. The Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department assisted on the case at the request of APD. It was prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office of the Second Judicial District.

“The Taxation and Revenue Department stands ready to bring anyone who commits white collar crime in New Mexico to justice,” said Department Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke. “We are glad we were able to assist the Albuquerque Police Department in this case.”

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