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## **NM Human Services Department Investigations Lead to Two Guilty Pleas for Misuse of Public Assistance**

### **Recoupment of Taxpayer Funds Part of Plea Agreements**

*Santa Fe, New Mexico* – The Human Services Department’s Office of the Inspector General’s investigation of two people for fraudulently receiving financial assistance, Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program(SNAP), will result in the in the recoupment of \$53,647 in public assistance funds.

Ana Madrid of Roswell failed to report her spouse and his income in their home resulting in a claim against her for \$28,119. She was charged with a second degree felony and entered a pre-prosecution agreement in October 2010 and is required to repay the misused money within 24 months or face jail time.

In the second case, Rosa Linda Molina of Eddy County failed to report her employment income and the child support payments she was receiving in her home resulting in a claim against her for \$25,528. She too was charged with a second degree felony and entered a pre-prosecution agreement in June 2010 and is also required to repay the misused money within 24 months or face jail time.

In addition, Madrid will be barred from obtaining SNAP benefits for one year, and Molina for two years.

“With so many New Mexicans in need of the services the Human Services Department provides, it is imperative we ensure they are going to eligible families,” said Katie Falls, Human Services Department Secretary. “The Department’s Investigation Bureau works closely with our field offices to make sure under reporting of income or any type of fraud and abuse are stopped immediately, investigated and prosecuted.”

The HSD Office of Inspector General is responsible for investigating allegations of fraud regarding New Mexico’s public assistance programs. This includes SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Medicaid. Cases are prosecuted through local district attorney’s offices. To report a fraud or abuse tip e-mail [www.hsdoigfraud@state.nm.us](mailto:www.hsdoigfraud@state.nm.us) or call 1-800-228-4802.

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