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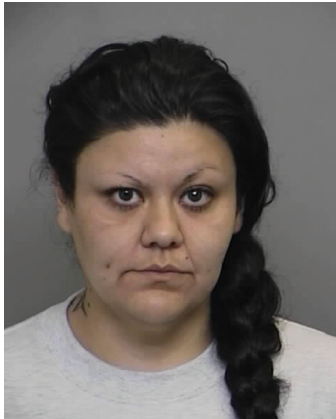
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ILLEGAL ALIEN WHO ATTEMPTED TAX FRAUD CONVICTED, DEPORTED



A Ukiah woman – 29-year old Angeles Vasquez -- was formally charged on February 8, 2011 by District Attorney David Eyster with possessing false documents to conceal citizenship, a felony violation of California Penal Code § 114, as well as two separate counts of perjury, felony violations of Penal Code § 118. An investigation by the Ukiah Police Department revealed that Vasquez had assumed the identity of a woman living in Southern California and was using an illegally-obtained California Drivers License and Social Security Card in the name of the Southern California victim.

Thereafter, Vasquez attempted to file both federal and state income tax returns in early 2011 for tax year 2010 under the victim's name and Social Security number. In filing those returns, Vasquez falsely claimed a friend's two children as her dependents. Had the Ukiah Police Department not intervened, Vasquez was expecting to receive a combined tax refund of \$6,681.00. However, based on her income from employment in Sonoma County and given the fact that Vasquez has no children, the District Attorney's staff calculated that at best she may have been entitled to a \$13.00 refund, a difference of \$6,668.00. Upon her February 4th arrest, a Federal immigration hold was placed on Vasquez.

On February 16, 2011, Vasquez pled guilty to two separate counts of perjury, and the third charge was dismissed. The perjury convictions stem from the false tax returns filed with the Internal Revenue Service and the Franchise Tax Board. On March 11, 2011, Vasquez was sentenced to serve a five (5) year prison commitment, but the execution of this sentence was suspended for a period of five years. Vasquez was given credit for the time she had served in the local jail and deported to Mexico. However, should Vasquez be found back in the United States during the next five years, DA Eyster warned that she should plan for and expect to serve the five year prison sentence. "This case started with good police work by the Ukiah Police Department and the message it sends is important," said Eyster. "Anybody caught committing this type of identity theft and tax fraud will be prosecuted and, mark my words, will be convicted," promised Eyster.