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GUILTY PLEA IN REVENUE DEPARTMENT THEFT

Trudy Randell, one of three people indicted in a theft scheme that resulted in approximately \$10 million dollars in losses to the Colorado Department of Revenue, has pleaded guilty in connection with the case today.

Randell (dob: 05-15-70) pleaded guilty to one count of *theft by receiving – over \$15,000* (F3) and is scheduled to be sentenced on February 20, 2009. As part of the guilty plea agreement, Randell will serve an undetermined period of probation with a suspended sentence to the Department of Corrections; the length will be determined at the sentencing hearing in February. She will also face a restitution order for \$1,000,000.

Randell was indicted last year with her husband, Hysear Randell, and Michelle Cawthra, a former employee at the Colorado Department of Revenue for stealing millions of dollars from the department.

Cawthra pleaded guilty earlier to violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act, a class 2 felony and is scheduled to be sentenced in late February 2009.

Hysear Randell is scheduled to go on trial January 26, 2009.