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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN GIVEN PRISON TERM IN EMBEZZLEMENT CASE**

A former city worker charged in 2006 with embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from Denver's Department of Human Services has been sentenced to prison.

**Ivan Guerrero** (dob: 12-17-64) pleaded guilty earlier to *theft* (F3) and was sentenced today to 6 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections. He was also ordered to pay \$797,011.25 in restitution and \$3,022.80 in extradition costs.

Between 2000 and 2006, Guerrero took more than \$600,000 by activating benefit accounts for people who were dead or who no longer received benefits, using "EBT" debit cards (electronic benefits transfer) to withdraw money from those accounts at various ATMs. Although charged in 2006, Guerrero fled and remained at large until he was pulled over in Florida while driving. He was extradited to Colorado in January 2010 and on March 1, 2010 he pleaded guilty.

Guerrero's former roommate, Jose Luis Torres-Montalvo, was also charged with using two of the cards. He pleaded guilty in 2006 to theft (F5) and was sentenced to 6 years of probation, 100 hours of useful public service and \$60,827.63 in restitution.