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GUILTY PLEA IN DEPT. OF REVENUE THEFT

The woman accused of participating in an elaborate scheme to steal millions of dollars of the Colorado Department of Revenue has pleaded guilty in connection with the case today.

Michelle Cawthra (DOB: 08-27-76) pleaded guilty to violating Colorado's Organized Crime Control Act (racketeering), a class 2 felony.

Cawthra worked for the Colorado Department of Revenue as a supervisor in the Taxpayer Service division. She was arrested on Saturday, April 28, 2007, and later charged with numerous felony counts including violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act, embezzlement of public property, theft, computer crime, and forgery.

She is scheduled for a status hearing on March 13, 2008 at 8:30 in Denver District Courtroom 13. She faces up to 24 years in prison. Cawthra remains in custody in the Denver County Jail.