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WOMAN CHARGED IN CHARITY THEFT

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a woman accused of stealing from a local charity.

Ruth Gonzales (dob: 10-02-50) is charged with two counts of *theft* (F3) and one count of *identity theft* (F4).

The charges allege that Gonzales redirected emergency assistance funds from a local charity for her own personal use and to give away to others by submitting false grant recommendations. The charges allege she took just more than \$300,000 between 2005 and 2009.

Gonzales surrendered today at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department. Following the booking process she was released on a \$10,000 bond. She will appear in Denver County Court to be formally advised later in September.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See Colo. RPC 3.6*

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