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GUILTY PLEA IN THEFT FROM COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY

A woman charged in connection with the theft of tens of thousands of dollars from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority has pleaded guilty in the case.

Melissa Leeann DeHerrera (10-21-77) pleaded guilty to theft (F3) at a Denver District Court hearing last week. As part of the guilty plea agreement, she faces 8 years in prison when she appears for sentencing on September 15, 2011 in addition to \$248,427.77 in restitution.

DeHerrera, a former CHFA employee, conspired with two co-defendants to manipulate the CHFA computer system to steal nearly \$250,000 from the agency and use it for their personal benefit.

Zarak Tyron Shepard (09-02-65) and **Scheherazade Donya Yvette Marshall** (04-08-77) were also charged in the case; they have pleaded guilty to theft and are currently serving probation sentences that also include restitution.