

# Tehama County Sheriff's Office

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## PRESS INFORMATION

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Embezzlement/ Tax Fraud Investigation    **CASE NUMBER:** 160201048

**GENERAL LOCATION:** Los Molinos California

**DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT:** January 2013 to December 2016

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**VICTIM NAME:** Gilchrist Properties LLC

**AGE:**

**ADDRESS:** Los Molinos

**DAMAGE/LOSS:** Extensive Embezzlement in excess of \$300,000.00

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**SUSPECT/ARRESTEE:** McCOY, Jessica Andromeda

**AGE:** 42 Years Old

**CITY OF RESIDENCE:** Paynes Creek, California

**CHARGES:**

19706 R&T Code: Willfully Filing False Tax Returns

1-Count

19706 R&T Code: Willfully Failing to File Tax Return

2-Counts

487(b)(3) PC: Grand Theft

33-Counts

12022.6(A)(1) PC: Intent to Take Property Special Allegation

2-Counts

186.11A)(3) PC: Aggravated White Collar Crime

1-Count

**BAIL:** \$1,000,000.00

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**SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:** In February 2016, the owners of Gilchrist Properties LLC in Los Molinos reported to the Tehama County Sheriff's Office that their accountant, Jessica Andromeda McCOY was suspected in the embezzlement of over \$300,000.00 dollars from their company funds during the period between 2012 and January 2016 when they released McCOY from their employment.

An extensive 6-month investigation was conducted by the Sheriff's Office into the embezzlement allegations. Search warrants were obtained and served on the bank accounts, residence, vehicles and private business office of Jessica Andromeda McCOY. Probable cause was developed during the investigation that indicated Jessica Andromeda McCOY was responsible for the reported embezzlement from Gilchrist Properties LLC.

In August 2016, the California Franchise Tax Board assigned an investigator and initiated a parallel criminal investigation into the family taxes relating to Jessica Andromeda McCOY. Their investigation developed probable cause to believe that Jessica Andromeda McCoy in 2014 willfully

**filed a false tax return and then in 2015 and 2016 failed to file tax returns of which are felony violations as listed in the California Revenue and Tax Code.**

**The parallel investigations were assigned to a prosecution team with the Office of the Attorney General's Financial Fraud and Special Investigations Unit. The case was filed by DOJ with the Tehama County Superior Court on January 30, 2017 requesting the above listed criminal charges on Jessica Andromeda McCOY. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Jessica Andromeda McCOY and on February 1, 2017, Jessica Andromeda McCOY was arrested outside her Red Bluff business and booked into the Tehama County Jail for the listed felony charges.**

**Reporting Officer: Lt. D. Greer #L207**