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Woman caught for embezzling \$115,000 from local business

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A Roswell woman accused of embezzling money from a local electronics store between June 2002 and March 2006 was indicted on 153 felony counts, including fraud, conspiracy and tampering with evidence.

According to court documents filed Wednesday, Lea Ann Hathorne, 46, was indicted by a grand jury in District Court.

She is charged with 18 counts of third degree felony embezzlement, 74 counts of fourth degree felony embezzlement, 49 counts of conspiracy and 12 counts of tampering with evidence.

Hathorne was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety in October, along with her alleged accomplice Bertha Garcia, 41.

The two allegedly used a credit card machine at EZ TV, where the two were employed, to credit their own cards to the tune of \$115,000.

DPS conducted an investigation lasting seven months.

Garcia was indicted on the same charges in November, according to court records.