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FORMER LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO PRISON TERM

On June 25, 2007, Dolores Mae Arreola, of Chimayo, New Mexico, was sentenced before the Honorable William Paul Johnson, United States District Judge. Arreola had previously pled guilty to False statements or entries in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, False, fictitious or fraudulent claims, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 287, and Theft or embezzlement of public money or property, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641. Arreola worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory for approximately 25 years. At the time of her crimes, Arreola was working as a buyer for the Laboratory, and using her position, she created and processed fraudulent purchase orders, for which the Laboratory paid approximately \$55,489.

At Arreola's sentencing hearing, Judge Johnson agreed with the United States Attorney's Office that Arreola had abused a position of trust. In accord with the advisory sentencing guidelines, Judge Johnson sentenced Arreola to an 8-month "split sentence" term of imprisonment, requiring Arreola to serve 4 months imprisonment at the Bureau of Prisons, and 4 months home detention. In addition, Arreola was ordered to serve 3 years of supervised release at the conclusion of her term of imprisonment. Arreola was further ordered to pay full restitution to the United States Government, and to forfeit to the Government two vehicles which she had purchased from the proceeds of her crimes.

Arreola's plea agreement, and documents filed in conjunction with Arreola's sentencing, are available online at the U.S. Attorney's Office website at <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/nm/pr/index.html>.