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RE: Gilpin County Assessor Glenda Allen Indicted

First Judicial District Attorney Dave Thomas announced today that the district grand jury has returned an indictment against Glenda Allen, DOB: 11/2/40, the elected Assessor of Gilpin County. Allen was indicted on two counts of Failure to Pay Over Fees of Office, §30-1-117, C.R.S., and one count of Malfeasance, §29-1-115, C.R.S.

Failure to Pay Over Fees is an unclassified misdemeanor, and carries possible penalties of imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year and a fine of up to \$1,000. The consequence of conviction of Malfeasance is removal from the office.

Allen has been the elected Assessor of Gilpin County since 1978. In the course of her duties as Assessor, her office collects fees for various kinds of documents which are provided to the public. Under Colorado law, all of these fees must be turned over to the county treasurer within a month after the fees are received.

According to the indictment, from 1978 through February 2002, Allen turned over only fees which were paid for in the form of checks. Fees paid in the form of cash were kept by Allen in a tin box and used as an unauthorized “petty cash” fund.

The amount of cash received between 1978 and 2002 is not known. According to the indictment, however, the assessor’s office receives approximately \$3500 in cash each year. Most of this money is unaccounted for.

Allen’s first appearance date has not yet been set.

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