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Former Housing Clerk Arrested

Employee Solicited Illegal Cash Payments in Exchange for Public Housing Apartments

OAKLAND, Calif. – A 46-year-old former housing clerk named Carolyn Wilson was arrested this morning for accepting cash payments in exchange for public housing. Deputies from the St. Tammany Sheriff Department, La arrested Ms. Wilson in Covington, La on a \$650,000 warrant issued by the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office. The District Attorney’s Office has filed criminal charges for 32 counts of Alteration of Computer Data, 32 Counts of Computer Fraud, and one count of Misappropriation of Public Funds against Ms. Wilson.

The D.A.’s charges stem from a criminal investigation by the Oakland Housing Authority Police Department. The Authority found Ms. Wilson took publicly-owned apartments reserved for low-income families atop the Authority’s wait list, and rented them to others in exchange for cash payments of up to \$1,000.

According to Jon Gresley, OHA Executive Director, “We have an obligation to serve the families who have followed the rules and who had waited for these public housing apartments, in many cases for years.”

At this time, charges have not been filed against the people who moved into the apartments with Ms. Wilson’s assistance. The matter remains under investigation. Anyone with additional information pertaining to the criminal investigation of this matter is encouraged to contact Carel Duplessis, the Oakland Housing Authority Chief of Police, at (510) 535-3104.

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