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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Fresno County Fire Protection
District Employee Arrested**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of 32 year old Fresno resident, Stacy Lyn Bustamonte.

Bustamonte, a civilian employee for Fresno County Fire Protection District, is accused of embezzling over \$3000.00 from a bank account that held non public funds.

The investigation began in April when CALFIRE Battalion Chief Rick Moore was approached by their Finance Secretary regarding some discrepancies in a Fresno County Fire Protection District bank account. The employee had discovered the discrepancy after being transferred to the position that oversaw the particular account.

The account had previously been under the control of Bustamonte who allegedly wrote four checks to herself, totaling \$3,694.55. The actual checks had been made out to Bustamonte while the carbons showed they had been written to other businesses.

With this information, Chief Moore contacted the Sheriff's Department to handle the criminal investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Bustamonte was arrested earlier today at the CALFIRE headquarters located at 210 S. Academy Ave. in Sanger. Bustamonte was arrested without incident and transported to the Fresno County Jail where she was booked on the charge.

Bustamonte has been employed with the Fresno County Fire Protection District for the past ten years.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective Ryan Gilbert at 292-1104, or the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111.