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Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, announced that on December 15, 2023, Escambia Circuit Judge Nobles sentenced Maria Del Carmen Williams to six years in state prison followed by ten years of probation with \$397,515.92 ordered in restitution for the crime of Organized Fraud and six counts of Illegal Use of Personal Identification Information.

From April of 2019 through December 2021, the Defendant worked as the bookkeeper for a staffing company. Defendant engaged in a scheme to defraud by generating fraudulent payroll statements using the personal identification information of six victims. Defendant would generate fake statement of earnings with the victims' personal identification information indicating payment to workers. The money would instead be deposited into Defendant's bank account. Through these misrepresentations Defendant was able to obtain just under \$400,000 from her employer and hide her fraud for years. The Defendant used the fraudulently obtained money to fund a plot of land, a 2011 Jaguar luxury car, shopping, restaurants, and other living expenses.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Robert Paul Gillespie and the diligent staff of the economic crime unit. He can be reached at (850) 595-4200.