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## **Edcouch Woman Charged with Embezzling More Than \$90K from Halfway House**

McALLEN, Texas – Ofelia Alvarado Vallejo, 44, of Edcouch, has made an initial appearance on charges she embezzled more than \$90,000 from the Mid Valley House Residential Reentry Center while working there, announced U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson.

Vallejo appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Peter E. Ormsby this morning to hear the charges outlined in a criminal information filed June 9, 2014. Judge Ormsby ordered Vallejo released upon posting a \$30,000 bond.

The criminal information alleges Vallejo embezzled \$90,519.70 from March 2012 through February 2013 from the Mid Valley House Residential Reentry Center.

During the one-year period beginning on March 1, 2012, Mid Valley received more than \$10,000 in federal funding.

If convicted, Vallejo could face up to 10 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case was investigated by Department of Justice - Office of Inspector General, with the assistance of the Edinburg Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Sully is prosecuting the case.

*A criminal information is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence.  
A defendant is presumed innocent unless convicted through due process of law.*