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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

MADISON, WIS. -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictment yesterday. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

MADISON WOMAN CHARGED WITH STEALING FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS

Laura A. Ewing, 46, Madison, Wis., is charged with embezzling \$50,383.27 in federal grant funds. The indictment alleges that from January 2012 through May 2014, while employed at the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) as the finance and operations manager, Ewing issued 34 checks payable to herself and recorded them in the accounting system as being paid to various vendors. According to the indictment, the embezzled funds were grants that WCASA had received from the U.S. Department of Justice through federal programs provided by the Violence Against Women Act.

If convicted, Ewing faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against her is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Inspector General. The prosecution of this case will be handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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