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### **Las Vegas Vehicle Registration Service Owner Arrested**

*Joint Investigation between DMV, Metro Police and Attorney General results in multiple felony charges*

Investigators from the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department today arrested 43-year-old Ana Carolina Ojeda of Las Vegas on multiple charges relating to vehicle title fraud.

Ojeda, the owner of DMV Servicio Express at 3605 Vegas Dr., Suite A in Las Vegas, was arrested at about 1 p.m. at the Sahara DMV office and booked into the Clark County Detention Center. Search warrants are being executed at DMV Servicio Express and two other locations as the investigation continues.

DMV investigators allege Ojeda falsified documents that enabled two illegal transfers of vehicle ownership on April 17, 2013. Ojeda allegedly completed an Application for Duplicate Title on a 1996 Ford Taurus that included a forged signature from the vehicle owner, a forged signature from a DMV technician and a stolen or forged DMV validation stamp. Ojeda also allegedly completed an Application for Duplicate Title and a Bill of Sale on a 1999 Ford Explorer that included forged signatures of the vehicle owner and a forged stamp and signature from an actual Nevada Notary Public.

A runner for DMV Servicio Express presented both transactions for processing at the Henderson DMV branch the same day. An alert technician in the title office at the branch alerted the DMV Compliance Enforcement Division, which opened the investigation.

The Nevada Attorney General's office brought in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) at a later date. LVMPD officers completed several undercover transactions with Ojeda and filed a separate list of charges. All charges are being combined into one case that will be prosecuted by the Attorney General.

Ojeda faces a total of 15 Felony and Gross Misdemeanor charges:

- DMV Compliance Enforcement Charges: (5) counts Forgery NRS 205.090 (Felony)
- (1) count Unlawful possession of property of a Notary Public NRS 240.143 (Gross Misdemeanor)
  - (2) counts Offering a false instrument for filing or recording NRS 239.330 (Felony)
  - (1) count Obtaining and using personal identifying information of another for an unlawful purpose NRS 205.463 (Felony)
- LVMPD Charges:
- (3) counts Forgery NRS 205.090 (Felony)
  - (1) count Unlawful possession of property of Notary Public NRS 240.143 (Gross Misdemeanor)
  - (1) count Offering a false instrument for filing or recording NRS 239.330 (Felony)
  - (1) count Obtaining and using personal identifying information of another for an unlawful purpose NRS 205.463 (Felony)

All felony charges carry a minimum prison term of 1 year. The charge of obtaining and using personal identifying information of another for an unlawful purpose carries a sentence of three to twenty years in prison, restitution and a fine of up to \$100,000.