

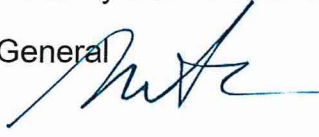


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and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Mary T. Cagle, Inspector General 

Date: May 29, 2015

Subject: Former Clerk's Office Employee Arrested for Stealing Cash; Ref. IG14-20

Thanks to a confidential tip reported to the Miami-Dade Office of the Inspector General (OIG) that a cashier was stealing money, Aurora Roig was arrested today. The initial complaint alleged that Roig, a cashier in the Marriage License Bureau of the Clerk's Office, was stealing cash by manipulating certain transactions. The OIG investigation found that for approximately six months, from December 2013 through June 2014, Roig manipulated the transactions of 30 couples, which involved voiding cash transactions so that she could steal the money. Roig, a 25-year employee, resigned as a result of the OIG investigation.

The OIG is grateful to Mr. Ruvin and his staff for their cooperation and assistance during the investigation. We also commend the employee for confidentially reporting the wrongdoing; only through such information could this breach have been brought to light.

Roig was arrested on one count of Organized Scheme to Defraud, a third degree felony. The attached press release provides additional details about the fraud scheme and today's arrest.

Attachment

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**Aurora Roig, Former Clerk's Office Employee,
Arrested for Organized Scheme to Defraud**

A confidential tip to the Miami-Dade Office of the Inspector General (OIG) that a cashier at the Miami-Dade County Clerk's Office (Clerk's Office) was stealing money, resulted in the arrest of Aurora Roig today. Working with the State Attorney's Office (SAO), Roig was arrested on one count of Organized Scheme to Defraud, a third degree felony.

Roig, a 25-year employee, resigned as a result of the joint OIG and SAO investigation. Prior to her resignation, she was assigned to the Marriage License Bureau within the Clerk's Office, at the Coral Gables District Court, as a Courtroom Clerk 1 Lead Worker. The Clerk's Office operates seven different Marriage License Bureau offices throughout Miami-Dade County. Clerks assigned to those offices issue marriage licenses, perform marriage ceremonies, and maintain the State of Florida Marriage Records for all marriages performed in Miami-Dade County.

The joint investigation found 15 incidents of theft during a six-month period from December 2013 through June 2014. Roig only pocketed the fees when she could void a cash payment and charge the ceremony costs to the credit card of a subsequent customer. To effectively complete the thefts Roig manipulated 30 transactions.

The OIG is grateful to Mr. Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of the Courts and his staff for their cooperation and assistance during the investigation. "The OIG is indebted to the employee who was willing to confidentially reveal the misconduct, allowing us to put a stop to the theft of county dollars," said Inspector General, Mary T. Cagle.

"While the amount of money stolen by this trusted employee may appear small, she pilfered a large reservoir of trust and respect from our court system," commented Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle. "Such thefts can darken a treasured memory and moment for those victimized."