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Trio Sentenced to Decades in Prison for Major Theft Scheme

Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos announced the results of a sentencing hearing for three people convicted in a major theft scheme from oil industry giant Davis-Lynch. Six individuals were charged after an internal audit revealed employee thefts totaling over \$13 million. Sentenced Thursday were Nancy Moreno, 55, to serve 30 years, Yvette Ybarra Trevino, 47, to serve 15 years, and Ernest Trevino, 44, to serve 20 years in prison. The three were employed by Davis-Lynch when they misappropriated millions in company funds and used them to purchase luxurious homes, jewelry and vacations.

Assistant District Attorney Wendy Baker prosecuted the individuals and told Judge Jeanine Barr of the tremendous betrayal that the chief financial officer felt when the scheme was uncovered. "Davis-Lynch was founded as a small, family- operated business, and Nancy Moreno was trusted completely. She would have coffee with the CEO in the morning, chat with him about news and such, and then steal him blind when his back was turned. She started as the company receptionist, and although she had no formal training or college education, she eventually rose to act as the chief financial officer for the business. She and her codefendants were trusted, valued employees who betrayed the Davis-Lynch families."

The scheme unraveled when an auditor could not locate a copy machine that had been purchased and maintained with company funds. When the machine was discovered at Moreno's son's personal business, additional Davis-Lynch property and equipment was also found.

In addition to the lengthy prison sentences, Judge Barr ordered that restitution of approximately \$13 million be paid to the company as a condition of parole.

District Attorney Pat Lykos has prioritized the prosecution of complex theft cases such as this one in which not only were millions lost, but a long-term collusion of trusted associates and employees was involved. The Financial Crimes Division prosecuted several multi-million theft cases in 2011.

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