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Woman Sentenced to 8 Years in White-Collar Theft

Bryan, TX – Flora Sustaita, 40, of Spring, was sentenced to 8 years in prison today for embezzling more than \$150,000 from her employer. Additionally, her sentence requires her to repay the money she stole.

Sustaita was initially convicted of Theft in May of 2011 for stealing approximately \$178,000 from the business she worked for in Brazos County. In an attempt to recover the stolen money for the victims, prosecutors offered Sustaita 10 years probation and she was ordered to repay full restitution to her former employers.

However, on August 21, 2013, Sustaita was arrested in Houston after embezzling money from her new employer as well as engaging in a housing scam.

Sustaita subsequently pled guilty to those Theft charges in Harris County and was sentenced to 2 years in prison there.

Brazos County prosecutors then sought to revoke Sustaita's 2011 probation and the matter was set for a hearing in the 361st District Court.

Sustaita faced a maximum of 10 years in prison for violating her probation. Prior to the probation revo-



Flora Sustaita

cation hearing, Sustaita agreed to admit to violating her probation and serve an 8 year prison term. Additionally, Sustaita's sentence also requires her to continue to repay the money she stole in Brazos County.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Philip McLemore.

“Small businesses in this community create jobs and opportunity. Anyone who preys upon them in this way must face harsh consequences.” - Philip McLemore