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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Immigration Fraud Investigation

LOCATION: Jasmine E. Sanchez Immigration Consultant (1692 Story Road #200, San Jose)

CASE NUMBER: 21-209-0185I

DETAILS:

In July 2021, The Sheriff's Office Notario Fraud Unit Detectives were contacted by a resident of Santa Clara County, who stated they were defrauded by an Immigration Consultant in San Jose.

Detectives later learned that a husband and wife paid an Immigration Consultant, Jasmine E. Sanchez (36), approximately \$5,000.00 to complete a Citizenship and Visa application. Over the course of 4 years, Sanchez told her clients she submitted their application to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Detectives later confirmed that Sanchez did not submit any applications to the USCIS and kept the victims money, and did not provide any refund to the victims. As a result, the victims were unable to visit their home Country to visit dying relatives.

During the course of the investigation, another client of Sanchez contacted the Sheriff's Notario Fraud Unit. Detectives learned a few years prior, a client of Sanchez paid approximately \$1,000.00 for a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA – Dream Act) application. Despite Sanchez's claims to the contrary, no application was ever submitted to the USCIS and the victim's money was never returned. As a result, the victim lost a scholarship and an opportunity to attend a local trade school.

Detectives interviewed Sanchez at her office (Tropicana Shopping Center - 1692 Story Road #200, San Jose) and determined she did not submit any immigration paper work for her clients, and there was no accounting for her client's money transactions. Sanchez also claimed to be a California Secretary of State, bonded Immigration Consultant to her clients and to Sheriff's Detectives, even displaying an expired bond certificate at her business.

State records indicated Sanchez was not authorized to perform Immigration Services by the Secretary of State, or the State of California, although the State of California had issued a cease and desist letter to Sanchez in 2018. Victims affected from Jasmine Sanchez's actions are currently working with immigration lawyers to attain their citizenship.

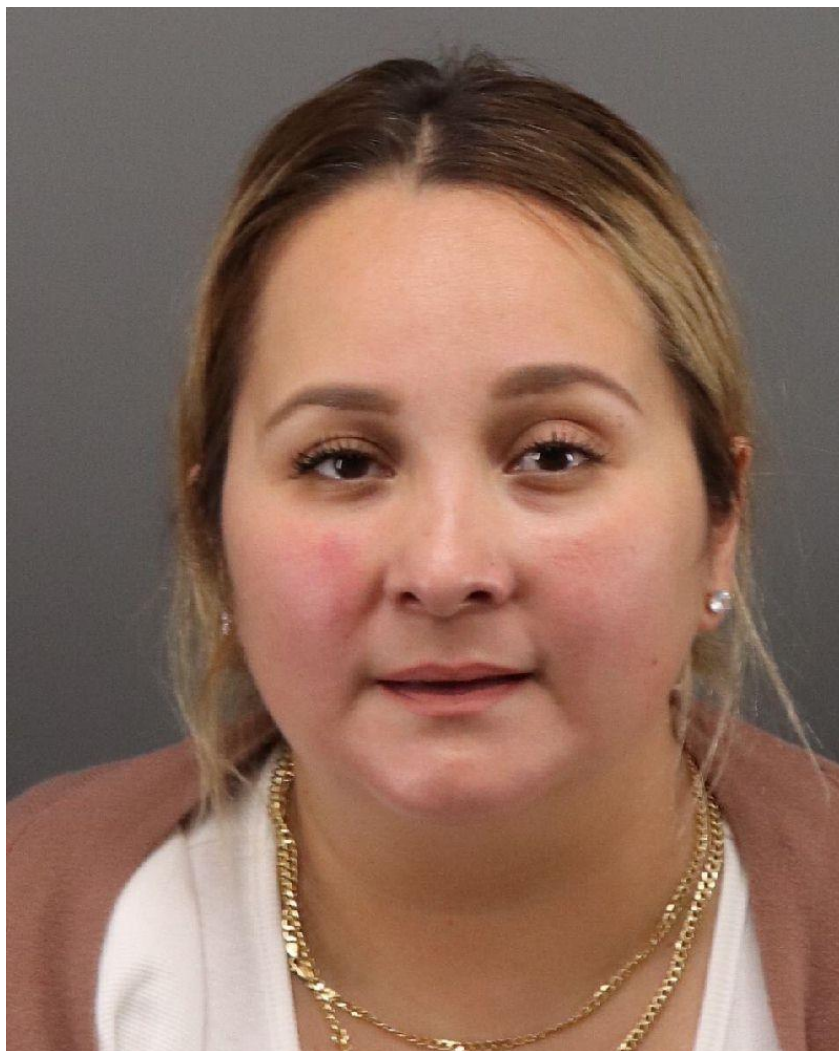
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On 11/13/21, Sanchez turned herself in to a bail bonds person and is awaiting a future court date. Sanchez is facing charges for Grand Theft, Theft by False Pretenses, and violations of the Immigration Consultant Act.

The Sheriff's Office's Notario Fraud Unit is an Investigative Unit that investigates all allegations of Immigration Service Provider Fraud committed against the immigrant community of Santa Clara County.

If you or anyone you know have been a victim of Immigration Service Provider Fraud, or have been a victim of Mrs. Jasmine E. Sanchez, we ask that you contact Sheriff's Detectives at (408) 808-4599 or Tips@sheriff.sccgov.org. Please visit: <https://countysheriff.sccgov.org/notario-fraud-unit> for more information about the Sheriff's Notario Fraud Unit and Immigration Service Provider Fraud.



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