



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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In October of 2010 the Elbert County Sheriff's Office received a complaint from the Elbert County Clerk and Recorder of a theft from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

A search warrant was executed in March of 2011 on the suspect residence related to another matter. During this search warrant Department of Motor Vehicle documents to include original titles, registrations and liens were located in the home.

The investigation included a comprehensive audit of the transactions made by the suspect during her time of employment with the Elbert County Clerk and Records Office.

The audit resulted in 235 charges being filed against the suspect to include 117 counts of Official misconduct a class two misdemeanor, 117 counts Embezzlement of Public Property a class five Felony, and one count of Theft a class 3 Felony.

It is alleged that the suspect would conduct a vehicle registration and the citizen would leave the Department of Motor Vehicles with a current registration in hand, then the suspect would reverse the transaction and refund the transaction in the system. The citizen would not know that their registration was not valid until they were either contacted by law enforcement and told their vehicle had no record or when they went to re-register the vehicle were told the vehicle was not in the system.

The suspect is identified as Jamie Lynn Upchurch DOB: 04-18-77 currently in custody at the Elbert County Detentions Facility on a \$100,000 bond.



The Elbert County Sheriff's Office would like to encourage any citizens that have had problems with their registration and or titling of their vehicles since August 2006 to contact the Elbert County Investigations Division at 303-805-6110.