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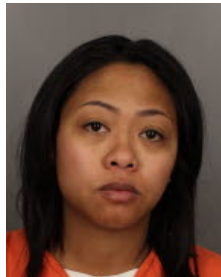
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Mother Arrested for Theft Involving Cancer Claim

On March 7, 2014, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office began an investigation into an alleged scam wherein a mother was claiming that her 6-year-old son had cancer which gained her financial benefit through charitable donations. During the investigation, it was discovered that the following individual:



Sandy Nguyen
Age: 28

did convince her son, family and community that her 6-year-old son had cancer and was receiving cancer treatment since approximately September 2012. In September 2013, the community began raising money through school fundraisers and other methods, and had raised over \$25,000.00 which was placed into an account for use by the Nguyen family. Over the last several months, Ms. Nguyen accepted at least \$16,000.00 from that account, as well as a trip to Disneyland for herself and family, which was paid for by the donated funds.

On March 13, 2014, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Investigators executed a search warrant at Ms. Nguyen's residence and recovered approximately \$23,000.00 in cash. Ms. Nguyen was placed under



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arrest and in a subsequent interview, admitted that her son does not have cancer, and stated that some of the money recovered from the residence was from donations received.

The 6-year old attends school at Rolling Hills Elementary School in the Cherry Creek School District.

Ms. Nguyen was booked into the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility for the following charges:

CRS 18-4-401(1)(a) Theft between \$20,000-\$99,000, Class 4 Felony
CRS 18-5-113 Criminal Impersonation, Class 5 felony

Bond is set at \$6,000.00.

Additional charges may be filed pending further investigation.

For additional information, contact Captain Larry Etheridge at 303-994-8580.

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