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# **DA's Office Locates Woman Charged with Stealing Purses at Church**

*Cynthia Gonzales Martinez, 46, is facing several credit card  
abuse charges*

District Attorney Devon Anderson today announced Cynthia Gonzalez Martinez, 46, has been transferred from Gadsden Correctional Facility in Quincy, Florida to Harris County to face prosecution for five felony charges. The charges include credit card abuse, forgery and tampering with a governmental record.

According to court documents, Martinez stole from a victim who was attending 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church. Martinez stole the victim's wallet which contained her Sam's Membership card, Wells Fargo checks and driver's license. Martinez used the victim's checks to make a \$399.29 purchase at Sam's Club without the victim's permission.

After this offense and many others similar in nature, Martinez fled the jurisdiction and was eventually captured in Florida on unrelated charges. The District Attorney's Office Organized Crime Section and Extradition Administrator worked with law enforcement in Florida to bring Martinez back to Harris County.

"Church is a place where people should feel safe. This defendant took advantage of the victims' security, stole their identifying information and repeated this throughout the Harris County area," said District Attorney Anderson. "This case shows our Office's tireless effort to seek justice and the strong relationship between law enforcement agencies regardless of state lines."

Martinez will appear in the 174<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Aimee Bolletino is assigned to the cases.