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AG Balderas Announces Indictment of Another Serial Shoplifter for Multiple Felonies

Part of an Ongoing Multi-Jurisdictional Effort to Target Organized Retail Crime

ALBUQUERQUE — Today, New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas announced the indictment of another serial shoplifter, Charmaine Sanchez, on multiple charges related to brazen criminal activity that has wreaked havoc in New Mexico’s retail community. The indictment alleges 19 counts, including 12 felonies. If convicted, Sanchez faces over 22 years in prison.

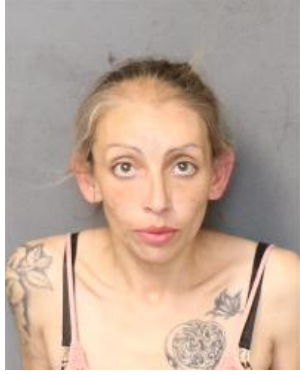
“Serial shoplifting means that honest, hardworking New Mexicans have to pay more, and that is intolerable at a time when skyrocketing prices are already pressuring families,” said Attorney General Balderas. “We will continue to aggressively target, arrest, and prosecute repeat offenders whose actions harm New Mexico families.”

From September to November 2021, Charmaine Sanchez participated in six separate shoplifting incidents at Albuquerque department stores resulting in losses of nearly \$8,000. In two of these incidents, Sanchez was joined by Athena Padilla, another serial shoplifter indicted in March as part of the same effort to target organized retail crime.

This case was investigated and prosecuted as part of the emerging Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Task Force. The investigation involved the NM Office of the Attorney General and asset protection personnel from the retail community. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Gardner. The indictment is only an allegation and Sanchez is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

A copy of the indictment is attached.

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CLERK DISTRICT COURT

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. D 0202 CR 2022 00887
NMAGO#: 202109-00463

CHARMAINE E. SANCHEZ,
DOB: X/XX/1986
SSN: XXX-XX-4729
ADDRESS: MDC

CLARA MORAN

Defendant.

GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

September 1, 2021 (Kohl's on Ellison Drive)

COUNT 1: SHOPLIFTING (UNDER \$250) (4614)

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That on or about the 1st day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of under \$250, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended to take it without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 2: SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4616)

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That on or about the 1st day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did aid or abet Athena Padilla to take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of over \$500, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended it to be taken without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 3: SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4616) T

That on or about the 1st day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did aid or abet Victoria Martinez to take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of over \$500, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended it to be taken without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 4: SHOPLIFTING (UNDER \$250) (4614) T

That on or about the 1st day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did aid or abet Gabriel Herrera to take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of under \$250, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended it to be taken without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 5: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4618) ✓

That on or about the 1st day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did by words or acts agree together with another person(s) to commit Shoplifting (Over \$500) and they intended to commit Shoplifting (Over \$500), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20 and Section 30-28-2.

September 10, 2021 (Kohl's on Ellison Drive)

COUNT 6: SHOPLIFTING (UNDER \$250) (4614) T

That on or about the 10th day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of under \$250, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended to take it without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 7: SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$250) (4615) T

That on or about the 10th day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did aid or abet Victoria Martinez to take possession of or conceal merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of over \$250, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended it to be taken without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

September 15, 2021 (Kohl's on Holly Avenue)

COUNT 8: SHOPLIFTING (UNDER \$250) (4614) T

025 That on or about the 15th day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, ~~New Mexico~~, the above-named defendant did take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Holly Avenue, which had a market value of under \$250, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended to take it without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 9: SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$250) (4615) T

That on or about the 15th day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did aid or abet Gabriel Herrera to take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Holly Avenue, which had a market value of over \$250, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended it to be taken without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 10: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4618) T

That on or about the 15th day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did by words or acts agree together with another person(s) to commit Shoplifting (Over \$500) and they intended to commit Shoplifting (Over \$500), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20 and Section 30-28-2.

September 18, 2021 (Kohl's on Ellison Drive)

COUNT 11: SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4616) T

That on or about the 18th day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, ~~New Mexico~~, the above-named defendant did take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of under \$250, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended to take it without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 12: SHOPLIFTING (UNDER \$250) (4614) T

That on or about the 18th day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did aid or abet Gabriel Herrera to take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of over \$500, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended it to be taken without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 13: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4618) T

That on or about the 18th day of September, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did by words or acts agree together with another person(s) to commit Shoplifting (Over \$500) and they intended to commit Shoplifting (Over \$500), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20 and Section 30-28-2.

October 26, 2021 (Kohl's on Ellison Drive)

COUNT 14: SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4616) T

That on or about the 26th day of October, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of over \$500, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended to take it without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 15: SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4616) T

That on or about the 26th day of October, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did aid or abet Athena Padilla to take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of over \$500, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended it to be taken without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 16: SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4616) T

That on or about the 26th day of October, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did aid or abet Victoria Martinez to take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Ellison Drive, which had a market value of over \$500, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended it to be taken without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 17: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$2,500) (1154) T

That on or about the 26th day of October, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did by words or acts agree together with another person(s) to commit Shoplifting (Over \$2,500) and they intended to commit Shoplifting (Over \$2,500), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20 and Section 30-28-2.

November 12, 2021 (Kohl's on Holly Avenue)

COUNT 18: SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4616) T

That on or about the 12th day of November, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did take possession of or conceal various merchandise belonging to Kohl's, located on Holly Avenue, which had a market value of over \$500, and at the time the merchandise was taken, the defendant intended to take it without paying, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20.

COUNT 19: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT SHOPLIFTING (OVER \$500) (4618) T


That on or about the 12th day of November, 2021, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did by words or acts agree together with another person(s) to commit Shoplifting (Over \$500) and they intended to commit Shoplifting (Over \$500), contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-16-20 and Section 30-28-2.

The name of the witness upon whose testimony this Indictment is based is as follows:

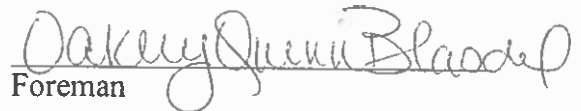
SPECIAL AGENT JACOB TRUJILLO
NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I hereby certify that the foregoing Indictment is a True Bill.

APPROVED:



Jonathan Gardner
Assistant Attorney General



Foreman

5.4.2022

Date

5/4/22

Date