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AG Balderas Charges Roswell Couple Accused of Stealing over \$1 Million from Local Restaurant

ALBUQUERQUE, NM---Today, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that his office filed charges in Chaves County Magistrate Court, charging Brian and Tammy Casaus with multiple felony crimes stemming from their theft from the Cattle Baron Restaurant in Roswell. The two are charged with 28 and 24 felony counts, respectively, including for embezzlement, money laundering, and tax fraud.

"My office is dedicated to protecting all New Mexicans from crimes that damage our families to our business community," said Attorney General Balderas. "We must keep our communities safe so that every New Mexican family has an opportunity to prosper, so I look forward to seeking justice in this case."

The Magistrate Court will set this matter for an initial hearing, at which both Defendants must be present, and the preliminary hearings for each Defendant will occur within 60 days of the initial hearing. At the preliminary hearing, the Magistrate Court judge will determine if probable cause exists to support each charge, and bind those charges over for trial in the Fifth Judicial District Court.

Prosecutors from the Special Prosecutions Division of the Office of the Attorney General are handling the case.

Copies of the complaints are attached.

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