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Case 502-Falsification of Company Records

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Opened

04/02/2026

Days Open

Less than 24 hours

Last modified

04/02/2026

Intake Method

Hotline Web

Status

In Process

Alert Status

None

Case Details

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Reported tier information

Case type:

Allegation

Intake method:

Hotline Web

Location

Organization/Building name:

City of Las Cruces, NM

Branch Number:

1

Location name:

City Hall

Location/Address:

City Hall - 1

700 N. Main Street

City:

Las Cruces

State/Province:

NM

ZIP/Postal code:

88001

Country/Territory:

United States

Location Name:

City Hall

Reporter Information**Reporter anonymous:**

Yes

Case Information**Relationship to the Company or Organization?**

Unknown

Please identify the person(s) engaged in this behavior:

Josie Trevino - Comptroller

Lesley Doyle - Finance Director

Ikani Taumoepeau - City Manager

Do you suspect or know that a supervisor or management is involved?

Yes

If yes, then who?

Finance Director and City Manager

Is management aware of this problem?

Yes

What is the general nature of this matter?

Financial reporting fraud

Where did this incident or violation occur?

City Council meeting on February 17, 2026.

Please provide the specific or approximate time this incident occurred:

February 17, 2026 during a televised City Council meeting.

How long do you think this problem has been going on?

3 months to a year

How did you become aware of this violation?

I heard it

If other, how?

Watch the February 17, 2026 City Council meeting related to budget adjustments.

Please identify any persons who have attempted to conceal this problem and the steps they took to conceal it:

Finance Director Lesley Doyle, Comptroller Josie Trevino, and City Manager Ikani Taumoepeau. Josie Trevino lied to City Council about a budget adjustment for prisoner care.

Case Details:

On February 17, 2026, Finance staff presented budget adjustments to City Council. One adjustment for \$600,000 was for prisoner care. Josie Trevino told City Council it was because the County overcharged for prisoner care a couple of years ago and invoices have been applied to that credit. She lied by saying now the credit has been fully applied so the \$600,000 is being budgeted to pay for prisoner care invoices.

The lie is that this occurred several years ago and the credit was fully spent 4 years ago in 2022. It was not recently and does not justify a \$600,000 budget adjustment. I am concerned where the money budgeted for prisoner care went and why \$600,000 is being transferred.

I am requesting an investigation into financial fraud by the Finance Department. Considering the Assistant Finance Director suddenly left the City, and the Budget Administrator was recently fired for the budget overstatement, I believe there may be financial fraud involved and is allowed by the Finance Director and Comptroller.

This information will be shared with the authorities.

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