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Case 518-Theft or Misuse of Company Assets/Services

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Opened

08/03/2026

Days Open

Less than 24 hours

Last modified

08/04/2026

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 (Public)

Branch Number:
1

Location name:
City of Las Cruces Main

Location/Address:
City of Las Cruces Main - 1
700 North Main Street

City:
Las Cruces

State/Province:
NM

ZIP/Postal code:
88001

Country/Territory:
United States

Location Name:
City of Las Cruces Main

Reporter Information

Reporter anonymous:
No

Reporter first name:
Viola

Reporter last name:
Perea

Phone number:
575-541-2247

Email address:
vtperea@gmail.com

Contact availability:
Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Case Information

Relationship to the Company or Organization?

Employee

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

Unknown Unknown - Unknown

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

Do Not Know / Do Not Wish To Disclose

Is management aware of this problem?

Yes

What is the general nature of this matter?

Possible theft of City tools.

Where did this incident or violation occur?

City Hall parking lot, bottom level, covered parking area.

Please provide the specific or approximate time this incident occurred:

Friday, July 31, 2026 at approximatley 12:00 pm.

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

Once

How did you become aware of this violation?

Told to me by a co-worker

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

Unknown

Case Details:

On or about 12:05 pm, a co-worker notified me of a possible theft in the City Hall covered parking lot, bottom level. This person witnessed a City employee driving a City vehicle into the covered parking lot and then parked in front of a non-City vehicle. The person in a blue shirt that may have been a City uniform removed two items that appeared to be gardening tools / hoes from the bed of the City vehicle and put them into the backseat of the non-City vehicle. The person then got back into the City vehicle and parked it in the row of uncovered parking spaces along side the sidewalk closest to the City Hall building.

This information was reported to Chief Story, LCPD, and Charles Tucker, IG that same day. Pictures of the City vehicle license plate and the non-City vehicle license plate (RGS253) are attached. MUNIS records showed the City vehicle (34532) was a 2024 Ford Maverick.

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