



## **Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release**

### **Woman Arrested for Forgery and Uttering of Paychecks**



On March 4, 2008 an employee of Buswell and Bennett Commercial Cleaning came to the Town of Vienna Police Department Headquarters to report that some of her paychecks had been cashed by her supervisor Ms. Ana Garcias-Arias. The complainant stated that the supervisor would sign and then cash her paychecks and then pay the employee in cash. The amount of cash given back to the employee was less than the original paycheck.

On March 12, 2008 Ms. Ana Garcia-Arias came to Vienna Police Headquarters to discuss the case. She met with MPO Melissa Borja and was interviewed regarding the checks. She admitted to having cashed the employee's checks since the employee didn't have a bank account. She further stated that she does this for several other employees.

A handwriting analysis was conducted and submitted to the Virginia State Police forensic Lab. The lab is located off of Braddock Road in Springfield, Virginia and handles most law enforcement analysis of evidence.

On March 24, 2008 warrants were obtained for Ms. Ana Garcias-Arias, age 55 of Fairfax, Virginia, charging her with Felony Forgery and Felony Uttering. On April 9, 2008 MPO Borja received a tip that the subject wanted for these crimes was going to be in town. MPO Borja located Ms. Garcias-Arias' vehicle and arrested her without incident.

After transporting Ms. Garcias-Arias to Vienna Police Headquarters, MPO Borja was going to begin interviewing her. Ms. Garcias- Arias then reported she was having chest pains. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue units responded and transported Ms. Garcias-Arias to Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Ms. Garcias-Arias remained in the hospital overnight until such time as she was able to be transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was being held without bond on the two felony charges.

As is consistent with Vienna Police Department policy, the residency status of the arrested woman was reviewed and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency was contacted. A detainer was subsequently issued by the I.C.E. agency and sent to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Ms. Garcias-Arias is being held on the detainer until a deportation hearing is conducted.

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