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STATEMENT REGARDING THE CONVICTION OF FORMER EMPLOYEE TAWHNEE COLVIN ON BANK FRAUD AND THEFT FROM A TRIBAL ORGANIZATION

Former employee of the Spokane Tribe, Tawhnee Colvin was found guilty after a jury trial on twenty-five counts of Bank Fraud and one count of Embezzlement and Theft from a Tribal Organization in the Federal Court in the Eastern District of Washington.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The jury found that as part of her position as Assistant Director of DCFS, Colvin had access to the Spokane Tribe of Indians bank account that held per capita funds for children who were in foster care.

The jury also found that between October 2019 and November 2023, Colvin made more than 50 fraudulent money transfers, totaling \$50,880, from the DCFS bank account to her own personal bank account.

We thank the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their efforts on this case.

Sentencing is set for December 15, 2025.