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**Arrests made in Ross Bridge Renaissance Hotel Embezzlement Case**

On Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ross Bridge Renaissance Hotel management reported to Hoover Police that employees had embezzled \$68,000.00 through a scheme involving bogus payroll checks. The illegal activity occurred from April 2009 through January 2010. After a thorough investigation by the Hoover P.D. Financial Crimes Unit, Ross Bridge management and loss prevention personnel, warrants were obtained Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> for the arrest of 2 employees.

Assistant general manager Javier Antonio Callejas (45 yrs. old from Birmingham) is charged with Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup> degree/ embezzlement. Housekeeping manager Jose Ortiz (48 yrs. old from Helena) is charged with Theft of Property 1<sup>st</sup> degree/ embezzlement.

Both Callejas and Ortiz were booked into the Jefferson County jail on February 17, 2010. Both have since been released on bond.

Callejas bond was \$30,000.00.

Ortiz bond was \$15,000.00.

This scam involved Ortiz creating and submitting false pay documents for employees who no longer worked there, which generated bogus payroll checks. Callejas approved the bogus pay invoices and Ortiz cashed the checks. The stolen funds were split between Ortiz and Callejas.

The investigation continues. Anyone with information about this scam should call Detective Chris Harper at 205-444-7580.

**Photographs are on page two of this document.**

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**Javier Callejas**



**Jose Ortiz**