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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Spring Hill Woman Charged with Paying Bill with \$50K Forged Money Order

**Date:** August 23, 2018

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On 08/20/18, Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were called to the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative office in Brooksville, in reference to a customer who attempted to pay an outstanding bill with a \$50,000 counterfeit money order.

The money order was received by mail at an out-of-county Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative office and forwarded to the Hernando County office located 10005 Cortez Blvd. Employees at this location were familiar with the customer's account.

Deputies contacted agents at the United States Secret Service's Financial Crimes field office in Tampa, who confirmed the money order was counterfeit.

On 08/21/18, deputies made contact with **Latoya Villagomez, B/F DOB/07-09-1983**, at her residence located at 5421 Deltona Blvd., Spring Hill.

During questioning, Villagomez admitted to creating the money order on her home computer and printing it at her house.

She then mailed the money order to Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative in an effort to fulfill her debt to the electric company.

Villagomez was arrested and charged with **Fraud, Uttering Forged Instrument**, which is a felony. Her bond was set at \$2,000.