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TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— Florida Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Jimmy Patronis announced the arrest of Vanessa Arreguin, 25, owner of V&G Concrete, Inc. for workers' compensation fraud. Over the course of two years she conducted more than \$7.5 million in business, but claimed she made less than \$50,000. By doing so, she deliberately evaded paying \$51,000 in workers' compensation premiums. Arreguin was charged with three felony counts of concealing payroll to avoid workers' compensation premiums and two felony counts of application fraud.

CFO Jimmy Patronis said, "Workers' compensation fraud puts employees at risk and drives up insurance rates for honest businesses. Last year alone, our fraud detectives made more than 400 arrests for workers' compensation fraud and I can assure you my office will continue to hold these individuals accountable."

Arreguin surrendered to insurance fraud detectives at the Palm Beach County Jail and was released on bond. If convicted on all charges, Arreguin faces up to 20 years in prison. To report suspected insurance fraud, call 1-800-378-

0445 or www.myfloridacfo.com/division/difs. People reporting fraud can remain anonymous.

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About CFO Jimmy Patronis

Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal Jimmy Patronis is a native Floridian and a member of Florida's Cabinet, who oversees the Department of Financial Services. CFO Patronis works each day to fight insurance fraud, support Florida's firefighters, and ensure the state's finances are stable to support economic growth in the state. Follow the activities of the Department on Facebook ([FLDFS](#)) and Twitter ([@FLDFS](#)).