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Authorities seek information about Talent woman's alleged illegal lending activities

(Salem) State and local investigators involved in the recent arrest of Raquel Hernandez-Perez, also known as Raquel Perez-Torres and Raquel Hernandez Torrez, are seeking help from Oregon residents who may have obtained illegal loans from her.

The Talent Police Department, working with the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Division of Finance and Corporate Securities, began investigating Hernandez-Perez following complaints from several alleged illegal-loan victims. Alleged victims reported obtaining personal loans from Hernandez-Perez, who is not licensed with the state to make loans, only to have Hernandez-Perez change agreed-upon loan terms and engage in threats and other illegal actions to collect payments.

According to investigators, Hernandez-Perez made numerous illegal loans to primarily Hispanic residents of Jackson County, and investigators believe there are many more alleged victims than have made complaints.

The investigation by the Talent Police Department and DFCS is continuing, and more charges may be filed.

Anyone with information about the lending activities of Hernandez-Perez that could further the joint investigation is asked to contact Detective Hector Caballero of the Talent Police Department, (541) 535-1253.

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