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WOMAN CHARGED IN THEFT FROM CHARITY

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a woman accused of taking more than \$200,000 from a charity she had started to help kids at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Kirsten Hamling (dob: 07-18-64) is charged with thirteen counts of *theft* (F3, F4), four counts of *charitable fraud* (F5, M2), three counts of *filing a false tax return* (F5), two counts of *failure to file a tax return* (M) and one count of *attempt to influence a public servant* (F4).

Hamling created the non-profit group "Fired Up For Kids" in 2004 to raise money for the burn unit at Children's Hospital Colorado by selling calendars with pictures of firefighters. The charges allege that beginning in 2005 she used money from the non-profit for her own personal use, including personal airline tickets, hair salon charges, car repairs and her children's private school tuition. The charges further allege that she filed false tax returns, failed to file tax returns, and provided false information to an investigator looking into the allegations. Hamling resigned from Fired Up For Kids in September 2011. The total amount of money alleged to have been taken is \$243,399.22.

Hamling was formally charged yesterday, June 11, 2012, and made was arrested today after surrendering at the Glendale Police Department where she was booked. Her bond is set at \$10,000. Her next court appearance has not yet been scheduled.