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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

10 United States of America,  
11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 Jacqueline Alaniz Espino,  
14 Defendant.  
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No. CR-25-00009-PHX-MTL (ASB)

**I N F O R M A T I O N**

**VIO:** 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B)  
(Bribery Concerning Programs  
Receiving Federal Funds)  
Count 1

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17 THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE CHARGES:

18 **COUNT ONE**

19 1. Between in or about August 2021 and September 2021, in the District of  
20 Arizona, defendant JACQUELINE ALANIZ ESPINO, an agent of the Arizona Department  
21 of Economic Security (“DES”), corruptly solicited and demanded for the benefit of herself,  
22 and agreed to accept, something of value from a person, intending to be influenced and  
23 rewarded in connection with a business, transaction, and series of transactions of DES  
24 having a value of \$5,000 or more. Specifically, defendant ESPINO solicited, demanded,  
25 and agreed to accept from Individual 1 payments totaling approximately \$3,000, intending

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1 to be influenced and rewarded in connection with arranging for Individual 1 to receive  
2 \$12,963 in unemployment insurance and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance from DES.

3 In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(B).

4 Dated this January 6, 2025.

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