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**FORMER EMPLOYEE INDICTED ON CHARGES THAT SHE STOLE
APPROXIMATELY \$200,000 FROM SCITUATE RESTAURANT OWNERS**

BROCKTON – A woman who formerly worked as a restaurant manager has been charged with theft and tax evasion after she allegedly stole approximately \$200,000 from her employer, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Maureen M. Graham, 55, of Plymouth, was indicted today by a Plymouth County grand jury on four counts of Larceny Over \$1,200, two counts of Forgery, and three counts of Tax Evasion. Today's indictments follow an extensive seven-month grand jury investigation that included the issuance of 43 subpoenas for financial records involving Graham.

On March 14, 2018, owners hired Graham to be the general manager at The Voyage restaurant, located in Scituate. In addition to managing daily operations at the restaurant, Graham also served as occasional hostess, handled payroll, dealt with vendors, and tracked cash sales. In 2019, restaurant owners installed a Keno terminal inside the restaurant. Graham's control of restaurant funds and her unfettered access to Keno tickets, allowed her to spend hours inside the restaurant gambling.

The indictments allege and investigators found that beginning in 2019 and over the span of the next 18 months, Graham stole approximately \$200,000 in cash taken from various restaurant bank accounts. Investigators found that if Graham failed to win money, she would allegedly shift funds around to cover the deficit left in various bank accounts.

The investigation further found that Graham forged checks in the name of her employer, and filed false tax returns in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Graham will be arraigned on the charges in Plymouth Superior Court at a later date.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alex Zane and was investigated by Marshfield Police and investigators with the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission.