

Escrow Officer Indicted – Doylestown, PA

A residential escrow officer who worked in the Philadelphia and Doylestown, Pa., offices of the [Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Co.](#) has been indicted on charges she embezzled more than \$400,000 from the company, Patrick Meehan, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, announced Friday.

Elizabeth Chyorny, 36, of Lansdale, Pa., allegedly took money from the company from 2000 to 2004, Meehan said.

An indictment said Chyorny took funds from real-estate transactions she closed and used them for personal items and expenses, including payments for the purchase of a home, mortgage payments on that home, credit card bills, the purchase of jewelry and other items.

The indictment said she concealed the thefts, in part, by transferring funds between accounts and altering the account balances.

If convicted, Chyorny faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release. The case was investigated by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne Whatley Chain.

Commonwealth Land Title is a Virginia-based company with a Philadelphia office located at 1700 Market St.