



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

For Immediate Release
October 13, 2005

Contact: Gilbert Gallegos
Santa Fe: 505-476-2217

Governor Bill Richardson Orders Security to Monitor Treasurer's Building

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today ordered the New Mexico State Police and the State General Services Department to arrange for law enforcement and private security to monitor the State Treasurer's Building in Santa Fe.

The Governor took action following concerns about alleged misconduct and possible evidence tampering at the Treasurer's Office related to the ongoing federal criminal investigation of the State Treasurer.

"I want a law enforcement presence at the Treasurer's Office to serve as a deterrent to anyone who might consider removing items that belong in the office and might be important to the federal investigation," Governor Bill Richardson said.

The Governor ordered the State Police to assign officers to monitor the perimeter of the building. An officer is currently stationed at the property. Private security will be hired by the General Services Department to monitor inside the building. They will not interfere with the operations of the Treasurer's Office.

State Police and private security will be instructed to report suspicious activities to the FBI.

#30#