

## Condo Crime Update

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### The latest on Coronado and Admiral's Port investigations

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34-year-old woman busted for allegedly pilfering \$72,000 from an Aventura condominium association's bank account over a six-month span has been cleared of all charges against her.

On October 22, the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office declined to prosecute Maria Lola Martin on 22 felony counts, including one for grand theft and another for organized fraud over \$50,000.

Three months earlier, Aventura police officials arrested Martin after discovering more than a dozen fraudulent transfers between September 2017 and February 2018 into her TD Bank personal account from a City National Bank account belonging to the master association of Coronado Condominium, an Aventura complex of three high-rise residential towers built along W. Country Club Drive in the 1970s.

The theft at the Coronado, as well as an ongoing criminal case against the former property manager of Admiral's Port, a second condominium complex in Aventura, was the subject of a recent *Biscayne Times* cover story ("[A Tale of Two Condos](#)," November 2018) about the ineffectiveness of a 2017 legislative measure to strengthen laws and criminal penalties in misconduct and corruption cases involving condo associations. Both cases are languishing in prosecutorial limbo.

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