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as much as \$180,000 from a Hesperia animal hospital, authorities said.

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March 30 — An Apple Valley, California, woman was arrested Thursday on suspicion of embezzling as much as \$180,000 from a Hesperia animal hospital, authorities said.

Tamara Avalos, 32, had been the office manager of High Desert Animal Hospital for about 14 years, according to a news release from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Hesperia Station.

After an accounting firm discovered discrepancies in the animal hospital's finances, detectives discovered suspicious banking transactions, the release stated. Detectives estimated that Avalos embezzled between \$140,000 and \$180,000 in less than two years.

Detectives served search warrants at Avalos' Apple Valley home and at her boyfriend's Hesperia business, finding sufficient evidence to arrest her on suspicion of embezzlement and grand theft.

A \$100,000 bail bond was posted on Avalos behalf, and she was released Friday awaiting trial. Her boyfriend was questioned and released.

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