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## **Woman Charged with Posting Fraudulent Bail**

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Sasha Carrillo (DOB 11/11/85), of Los Angeles County, has been charged with one felony count of recording a false instrument. The charge is the result of an investigation conducted by the District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit acting on a report from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office previously arrested Carrillo's boyfriend, Shane Michael Spring, for narcotics and weapons offenses. During the investigation, law enforcement determined Carrillo hoped to gain Spring's release from the Ventura County jail by posting his bail. Using fraudulent paperwork, Carrillo convinced a bail company that she personally owned a home in La Verne that was in fact owned by Carrillo's uncle. Carrillo then signed a deed of trust that made the home collateral for Spring's bail bond. The deed of trust that Carrillo signed was subsequently recorded at the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office. The bail bond that was fraudulently obtained by Carrillo was then posted with the Ventura County Superior Court resulting in Spring's release from jail. After Spring's release, he failed to appear in court, putting the true homeowner at risk of foreclosure.

Carrillo will be arraigned on March 13, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 14 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Carrillo currently remains in custody with bail set at \$500,000. She faces a sentence of up to three years in jail if convicted.

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