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Camarillo Life Insurance Salesman Charged with Theft

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Steven Franklin Gordon (DOB 08/18/54), of Camarillo, was arrested and charged with multiple theft crimes dating back to 2014. The complaint charges Gordon with eight counts of grand theft, seven counts of forgery, four counts of identity theft and two counts of credit card fraud.

Gordon, an insurance agent, allegedly stole more than \$1,000,000 total from three former clients by making unauthorized draws on their annuities and the cash value of their life insurance policies. Gordon is also alleged to have practiced under different names, including Amy Gordon, his wife. Gordon's license to sell life insurance was revoked in April 2021.

This case is being prosecuted and investigated by the District Attorney's Office Fraud and Technology Crimes Unit and the California Department of Insurance (CDI). CDI believes there may be other victims in this case who are unknown at this time. Anyone with information about the charged crimes or similar incidents involving Gordon are asked to contact CDI Investigator Randy Vickrey at (661) 253-7530.

Gordon was arrested on August 26, 2021, in Camarillo by the Camarillo Police Department and booked into custody by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. He posted bail and was released from custody. Gordon is scheduled for arraignment on September 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

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