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Santa Paula Woman Arraigned on Grand Theft, Forgery Charges

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that Tina Torres (DOB 11/06/68), of Santa Paula, pled not guilty at arraignment in the Ventura County Superior Court on June 21, 2023. Torres is charged with 25 felony counts, including grand theft and forgery.

During her tenure as the manager of Limoneira Federal Credit Union in 2019, Torres held the responsibility of managing the organization's financial records. Torres is accused of exploiting her position by forging documents and defrauding the credit union. Torres is alleged to have continued her illicit activities until her theft was brought to light during a financial audit, resulting in her termination from Limoneira Federal Credit Union in August 2019.

Investigators with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes – Financial Crimes Unit estimate Torres illegally transferred more than \$250,000 between January 2016 and August 2019. On June 6, 2023, Torres was arrested.

Deputy District Attorney Susan Park, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Special Prosecutions Division, is assigned to the case.

Torres is scheduled for an early disposition conference on August 2, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. She was released on \$40,000 bail.

Case: 2021026236
Defendant Information:
Tina Torres (DOB 11/06/68)
Santa Paula

Charges:

- (17 counts) PC 487(a) Grand theft
- (8 counts) PC 471 Make, forge or alter document

Special Allegations

- PC 803(c) Statute of limitations
- PC 186.11(a)(1) Excessive loss over \$100K
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) Victim was vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(a)(8) Crime indicates planning, sophistication, or professionalism
- CRC 4.421(a)(9) The crime involved an attempt or actual taking or damage of great monetary value
- CRC 4.421(a)(11) The defendant took advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense