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**Former Simi Valley Police Officer Pleads No Contest to Felony
Counts of Grand Theft and Attempted Grand Theft**

VENTURA, California –District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Robert Longdon (DOB 05/21/73) pleaded no contest to four felony counts of grand theft and one felony count of attempted grand theft.

Longdon was a police officer at the Simi Valley Police Department since 2009. He resigned after charges were filed in this case. The complaint alleges that from March 2014, through September 2017, Longdon committed timecard fraud by claiming he worked patrol shifts he did not perform, and by padding his reported hours for days he did work. During the charged period, Longdon is believed to have falsely claimed 61 ten-hour shifts. Over the course of Longdon's employment, the total estimated loss to the City of Simi Valley is \$102,138. Longdon has paid \$100,000 of that back to the City of Simi Valley. Based on the plea, Longdon will be prohibited from possessing a firearm.

This fraud was discovered by the Simi Valley Police Department and submitted for investigation to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation.

Sentencing for Longdon is scheduled September 11, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura. The court has indicated it is likely to sentence Longdon to a jail term it deems appropriate, not exceeding one year.

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