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**Former Treasurer of Ventura Police Community Foundation Pleads
No Contest to Four Felony Counts of Grand Theft**

VENTURA, California –District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Gale Hartman (DOB 03/14/1938) pled no contest to four felony counts of grand theft.

Hartman, while treasurer of the Ventura Police Community Foundation and a civilian employee of the Ventura Police Department, is believed to have stolen approximately \$119,000 from the Foundation by making systematic cash withdrawals over four years, using the Foundation's debit card.

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

Sentencing for Hartman is scheduled March 25, 2019, 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 Hartman to a jail term it deems appropriate, not exceeding one year, as well as up to five years probation.

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