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Santa Paula Woman Sentenced to Jail for Thefts

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Jessica Paniagua (DOB 01/14/1979), of Santa Paula, was sentenced yesterday to 40 months in jail. Paniagua will have to serve 16 months of this sentence in custody and, upon her release, will be on supervised release for the balance of her sentence. In March 2019, Paniagua pled guilty to one count of felony grand theft and two counts of felony identity theft.

Paniagua worked for Interstate Striping, a Thousand Oaks company that provides striping for parking lots and roadways. Paniagua worked as a part-time bookkeeper, affording her access to the company's QuickBooks program. Paniagua was able to generate 109 unauthorized checks to herself and others. She cashed those checks at two check cashing locations in Santa Paula. The thefts were discovered in February 2019. In addition to her custodial sentence, Martinez was also ordered to pay restitution of \$108,915 to the victim.

The conviction of Paniagua resulted from an investigation led by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and prosecution by the District Attorney's Fraud and Technology Crimes Unit.

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