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Former Moorpark Unified School District Employee Charged with Embezzlement

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Retha Mae Drummond (DOB 3/1/56), of Moorpark, was arrested on May 17, 2019. Drummond is charged with 12 felony counts including embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds.

Drummond was employed by the Moorpark Unified School District from 1991 until 2016. During the last four years of her employment she worked in the child nutrition department where she was in charge of purchasing food and drinks for school lunches. She also helped process money collected in association with lunch sales. It is alleged that, from February 2012 through November 2016, Drummond routinely stole a portion of the cash paid by students for food and drinks. It is also alleged that Drummond used school district funds to purchase cases of soft drinks for her personal consumption. Drummond's total theft is alleged to exceed \$160,000.

This case involved an in-depth investigation by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation.

Bail was set in the amount of \$20,000. The maximum prison term to which Drummond can be sentenced is 13 years 4 months. Arraignment is scheduled June 4, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12.

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