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West Hills Woman Sentenced to Jail for Thefts

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Mandi Renee Neece (DOB 10/23/89), of West Hills, was sentenced to 300 days in jail and placed on 5 years of felony probation by Ventura County Superior Court Judge Bruce Young. Neece was also ordered to pay \$63,370 in restitution to the Topa-Topa Flywheelers Antique Gas Engine & Tractor Club. In March 2019, Neece pleaded guilty to one count of felony grand theft.

Neece volunteered to be the bookkeeper for the non-profit organization. From February 2018 through March 2018, she embezzled more than \$63,000. She wrote 42 checks to herself by forging the signatures of club officials that had authority to write checks. The stolen money had been raised through charity events staffed by club members and was intended to be used for scholarships for young people seeking to pursue a career in agriculture. The case was investigated by the Camarillo Police Department and prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office Fraud and Technology Crimes Unit.

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