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Thousand Oaks Woman Sentenced to Jail for Thefts

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Sarah Peet (DOB 01/09/76), of Thousand Oaks, was sentenced by Judge Bruce Young to 24 months in the Ventura County Jail, immediately followed by 48 months of supervised release. In February, Peet pled guilty to six counts of felony grand theft and one count of felony identity theft.

From 2012 to 2107, Peet handled bookkeeping for Donald Wilkerson, a private businessman based in Ventura. She was entrusted with his financial accounts. Peet used her position to steal from Wilkerson by making unauthorized ATM cash withdrawals; writing checks to herself and others without authorization; and paying for student loans, insurance, and a personal credit card with Wilkerson's money. Peet also worked as Regional Controller for Kemper Sports, which manages the Olivas Links Golf Course in Ventura. Using that position, Peet wrote unauthorized checks to herself and others by forging other employees' signatures and manipulating the accounting software.

The theft amount is alleged to be more than \$200,000. A restitution hearing will be held on August 8, 2019. This case was investigated by the Ventura Police Department and prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office Fraud and Technology Crimes Unit.

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