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Former Moorpark Unified School District Employee Sentenced for Embezzling Public Funds

VENTURA, California –District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Retha Mae Drummond (DOB 3/1/56), of Moorpark, was sentenced after pleading guilty to five felony counts of 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 responsible for 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.

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.

Judge Gilbert Romero sentenced Drummond to 365 days in the Ventura County jail, 36 months formal probation and search terms. Prior to being sentenced, Drummond paid restitution in the amount of \$168,810.

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