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Mandated Reporter Charged with Failure to Report Abuse of an Elder

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Lisa Cohen (DOB 12/23/66), of Oak Park, was charged with being mandated to report elder abuse and failing to do so.

Cohen was the director of the Royal Gardens Assisted Living Facility located in Camarillo. It is alleged that on October 15, 2020, a caregiver committed sexual assaults against residents of the facility. Cohen is alleged to have failed to report that abuse.

Under the law, a mandated reporter is any person who has assumed care or custody of an elder or dependent adult, regardless of whether they receive compensation. Elder or dependent adult care custodians, health practitioners, clergy members, employees of Adult Protective Services, law enforcement, and all officers and employees of financial institutions are mandated to report elder abuse. Mandated reporters must make a report when in the scope of employment there is knowledge or observation of abuse or neglect, is told by an elder or dependent adult of abuse or neglect, or reasonably suspects abuse or neglect. Mandated reporters must make the report as soon as possible to Adult Protective Services, but no later than two working days.

Cohen appeared in court on May 26, 2021, and pled not guilty. The case was continued for jury trial on June 25, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 14 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Cohen remains out of custody pending trial.

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