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Real Estate Agent Charged with 15 Felony Counts of Theft and Forgery

Case #: 2021015135

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko has announced the arrest of Daniel Montano (DOB 02/15/94), of Camarillo, by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation and the Camarillo Special Enforcement Detail. Montano, a real estate agent, has been charged with one count of grand theft and 14 counts of forgery.

In October 2020, while employed by RE/MAX Gold Coast Realtors in the city of Ventura, Montano was the agent representing the victims for the sale and purchase of residences in Ventura. During his representation, Montano is accused of making multiple false statements to the victims, which they relied on in purchasing the residence and securing a \$1,175,000 mortgage loan. Montano is also charged with forging the victims' signatures on multiple California Association of Realtors forms for the purchase and sale of the residences.

Montano was arrested on November 17, 2022, after an extensive investigation by the District Attorney's Office Real Estate Fraud Unit. Senior Deputy District Attorney Dominic Kardum is the prosecutor handling the case.

Arraignment is scheduled for December 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12.

Defendant Information:

Daniel Montano
Camarillo

Charges Filed:

- PC 487(a) - Felony grand theft
 - Special allegations:
 - PC 186.11(a)(2) - Aggravated white collar crime enhancement, taking > \$500K
 - PC 1203.45(b) - Grand theft alleged in count 1 > \$100K
 - 4.421(a)(8) - Manner in which alleged crimes were committed indicates planning, sophistication and professionalism
 - 4.421(a)(9) - Crime alleged involved an attempted or actual taking and damage of great monetary value
 - 4.421(a)(11) - defendant took advantage of a position of trust and confidence to commit the offense

- PC 470(d) - Felony forgery (14 counts)
 - Special Allegations:
 - PC 186.11(a)(2) - Aggravated white collar crime enhancement, taking > \$500K
 - 4.421(a)(8) - Manner in which alleged crimes were committed indicates planning, sophistication and professionalism
 - 4.421(a)(11) - Defendant took advantage of a position of trust and confidence to commit the offense.