



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Elder Abuse – Financial

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Oakmont Retirement Home – 2801 Cohasset Rd. Chico, CA

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 12-07-12 through 09-17-14

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 14-6269

VICTIM: A retirement home resident born in 1923

SUSPECT: McClure, Jeffery (DOB: 03-18-77)

NARRATIVE:

In September of 2014, Butte County Adult Protective Services (APS) received notification from a *mandated reporter* that Jeffery McClure may have stolen over \$88,000 dollars from a 91 year old victim. Family members of the victim also reached out to the CPD Patrol Division. Initial reports indicated that McClure worked as a personal banker for a local bank. After repeated meetings, the elderly victim came to trust McClure with money that she and her now deceased husband saved in anticipation of her long term needs.

The CPD Detective Bureau picked up the case. The victim's banking records and transaction history were obtained, along with other evidence. Detectives were able to establish that McClure gained the victim's trust by repeatedly visiting her at the Oakmont Retirement Home where she resided. The victim may have also suffered from an age related cognitive condition that inhibited her ability to defend herself financially. McClure utilized undue influence, and prompted the victim to authorize her personal checks with her signature before turning them over to him. McClure would have the victim leave both the *pay to the order of*, and the *dollar amount* blank. McClure would then forge his own name, and the dollar amounts of his choice onto the checks before depositing them into his own account. McClure repeated the process dozens of times over almost two year before his crimes were noticed and reported to APS. In total, it was established that McClure stole over \$88,000 from the victim.

On 02-03-15, CPD Detectives obtained a warrant for McClure's arrest. Detectives took

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McClure into custody on 02-10-15. McClure was booked for forgery, identity theft, embezzlement, and elder abuse. A bail amount of \$250,000 was set.

Similar to our children, our elderly and dependent adults represent “at risk” segments of our society. Crimes perpetrated against them are more easily accomplished, and more difficult to identify. As such, California state law affords additional protections for persons of age 65 and over, or adults (18-64) with developmental, physical, or mental disabilities.

Local law enforcement agencies work closely with APS, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman’s Office (Passages), and *mandated reporters* everywhere to combat elder and dependent adult abuse. Citizens of Chico are encouraged to learn more about elder and dependent adult abuse, and what we all can do to stop it.

Please visit following websites to learn more:

Passages Long-term Care Ombudsman:
<http://www.passagescenter.org/ombudsman/>

Butte County APS:
<http://www.buttecounty.net/dess/Services/AdultServices.aspx>

State of California APS:
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/agedblinddisabled/PG1298.htm>

CA Penal Code Section 368:
<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=pen&group=00001-01000&file=368-368.5>

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