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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Embezzlement Arrest**

#### **Chico, CA –**

In August of 2019, the Chico Police Department was contacted in-regards to a substantial embezzlement case involving an ex-employee who worked at a local medical practice. The suspected employee was identified as Leanne Mote (aka Leanne Hill). Over the last few months, detectives obtained and served multiple search warrants to locate evidence to prove the embezzlement. In addition to the search warrants, detectives were able to compare credit card transactions made by Mote with information from her social media account. Some of this information were credit card charges to concerts, airline tickets and trips that corresponded with updates, and photos at the locations that the suspect posted on her social media account.

After a (3) month investigation, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Mote. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Mote was arrested and booked in the City of Hemet, Ca. Mote posted bail and was released. Evidence has shown that over a (20) month period, Mote who was the office manager at this medical practice is suspected of embezzling over \$250,000.

Location: City of Chico

Victim: Local Medical Practice

Suspect: Leanne Mote (aka Leanne Hill) 47 years old

Supervisor: Sgt. Scott Harris

