

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) 503 PC [Embezzlement], 487(a) PC [Grand Theft], 186.11(a)(3) [Aggravated Theft, White Collar], 12022.6(a) PC [Theft in excess of \$200,000]

Report Number: 2015-01648

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Location: 44951 North Highway 101, Laytonville CA

When: Date: 01-19-2015 **Time:** 9:00 AM

Victim Info :

| | Name | Age | Street Address | City, State |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Victim #1: | Long Valley Market | | 44951 North Highway 101 | Laytonville, CA |

Suspect Info:

| | Name | Age | Street Address | City, State |
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| Suspect #1: | Christine Kelsay | 33 years | | Willits, CA |

Written by: Lieutenant Shannon Barney

Synopsis: On 1-19-2015 the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was contacted by the owners of the Long Valley Market in Laytonville California. They reported that the market had been the victim of embezzlement at the hands of an employee. The owners further reported they suspected the embezzlement had been occurring for approximately 7 years.

The case was assigned to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Detectives Bureau for investigation. Detectives identified the suspect as Christine Kelsay, 33 years of age, from Willits. Detectives obtained probable cause and authored 9 separate search warrants for the suspect's residence, three different banking institutions, an internet service provider seeking banking, financial, and electronic evidence of the reported criminal activity.

After a four month investigation Detectives presented a case to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office alleging the suspect embezzled in excess of \$450,000 dollars over a six year time frame. The District Attorney subsequently filed a criminal complaint, seeking an arrest warrant for the suspect.

On 6-4-2015 at 7:00 AM Detectives arrived at the suspect's residence and placed her into custody without incident. She was transported and booked into the Mendocino County Jail related to a felony warrant, charging her with embezzlement, grand theft, a special allegation of aggravated theft (white collar crime) and a second special allegation of theft in excess of \$200,000. She was lodged into the Mendocino County Jail and her bail was set at \$50,000.

Approved By: Lieutenant Shannon Barney

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