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**DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER FOUND
GUILTY OF ELDER ABUSE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced today that Christi Schoenbachler, 30, and Lisa MacAdams, 53, previous Carmel residents, were found guilty of elder abuse by Judge Terrance R. Duncan following a court trial.

In 2002, the victim was 72 years old when she moved with her daughter Lisa MacAdams to Monterey County to be near her granddaughter Christi Schoenbachler. The victim had money from the sale of her mobile home, an annuity worth \$90,000, furniture, artwork, and jewelry valued up to \$200,000. By July 10, 2004, the victim's bank account had been drained, her annuity had been cashed out, and all her personal possessions had been sold off. Her daughter and granddaughter had taken over her finances and when the victim had nothing left to offer financially, she was abandoned at the Monterey Care Center.

Schoenbachler and MacAdams were charged with felony violations of grand theft, for selling the victim's jewelry without her consent and financial elder abuse by a caretaker, for the unauthorized use of the annuity funds for their own benefit rather than the victim's. They were also charged with two misdemeanor counts of inflicting unjustifiable mental suffering on an elder, for twice abandoning the victim in a residential facility.

The defendants will be sentenced on January 15, 2010 and face a maximum penalty of four years, eight months in prison. The case was investigated by Officer Al Duran of the Monterey Police Department and District Attorney Investigators Allen Rowe and Jalaine Hogue.