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**MONTEREY WOMAN SENTENCED
FOR ELDER THEFT CRIMES**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Ilagene Quaglia, age 62, of Monterey, was sentenced to 180 days in the Monterey County jail for felony financial elder abuse.

Quaglia was a long time caretaker for her 82-year-old Pacific Grove victim who, besides his own care, also entrusted her with overseeing his rental properties. Over the course of three years, Quaglia committed financial abuse by skimming rental checks, over charging for various items and services she claimed on rental properties, and writing checks to herself for unauthorized purposes. The financial abuse was discovered because one of the victim's tenants had an opportunity to view the victim's financial statements and noticing irregularities encouraged him to report the financial abuse to the police. Quaglia's crimes would have very likely gone unnoticed if not for this Good Samaritan's involvement and insistence that the victim contact law enforcement. The exact amount of theft is contested and will be determined by the court if Quaglia and the victim cannot agree to an amount of criminal restitution.

Quaglia was on misdemeanor probation for a 2013 conviction for animal abuse. As a result of her new conviction in the felony financial elder abuse case, she violated probation in the animal abuse case and Quaglia was also sentenced to 60 days jail consecutive to the elder abuse sentencing for a total of 240 days custody.

The case was investigated by Pacific Grove Police Officer Ami Lonsinger.