

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **MARINA MAN SENTENCED FOR COMMITTING WELFARE FRAUD**

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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Phillip Nguyen, age 48, was sentenced to 3 years formal probation and 160 days in county jail by the Honorable Carrie Panetta. Mr. Nguyen is required to pay full restitution as part of his probationary term.

While receiving aid from the Monterey County General Assistance fund that provides cash aid to local individuals who do not qualify for state assistance, Mr. Nguyen defrauded the program out of \$10,648.00 over the course of nearly 4 years. The General Assistance program requires participants to volunteer at predetermined locations in order to receive job training while on aid. Mr. Nguyen was assigned to work at the Del Rey Oaks Parks Department. Instead of working at his assigned location, over the course of nearly 4 years Mr. Nguyen submitted forged time cards to Monterey County Department of Social Services who administers the General Assistance program.

It is illegal to receive benefits based on any misrepresentation. The Monterey County Department of Social Services along with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office has a Welfare Fraud tip line. If you have information regarding welfare fraud you can leave an anonymous tip at (831)755-3224.

Monterey County District Attorney Investigator Don Magnuson investigated this case.

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