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**PENINSULA AREA WOMAN CONVICTED  
OF ELDER THEFT CRIMES**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that a jury convicted Katherina Ferguson, age 50, of the Monterey Peninsula area, of attempted financial elder abuse, identity theft, and second degree burglary.

On August 28, 2014, Ms. Ferguson went into a bank in Monterey and filled out a withdrawal slip on her then 80 year old mother's account for over \$36,000.00. Ms. Ferguson had her mother's bank account statement with her when she attempted to withdraw the funds and used this statement in her attempt to gain access to her mother's account. The bank representative helping her suspected fraud and did not dispense the requested funds. Ms. Ferguson's mother did not give her permission to withdraw this money.

The case was originally investigated by Police Officer Wayland Kopp with the Monterey Police Department. District Attorney Investigator Peter Austen assisted in the investigation.

A sentencing date will be set on November 18, 2015. Ms. Ferguson faces up to 4 years in custody.