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PRESS RELEASE

Elizabeth Edith Shaw Sentenced To 10 Years Custody For Embezzling Over One Million Dollars From A Local Construction Company

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, October 16, 2017 – This morning Elizabeth Edith Shaw was sentenced by the Honorable Craig Van Rooyen, Judge of the Superior Court, for her embezzling nearly one and a half million dollars from her former employer, Winsor Construction.

On July 11, 2017, the District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint alleging 20 counts of felony grand theft by embezzlement and six counts of felony tax evasion for conduct spanning twelve years. On August 9, 2017, Ms. Shaw pleaded no contest to all 26 counts. Today, Ms. Shaw was sentenced to 10 years in custody followed by three years of post-release community supervision. Additionally, Ms. Shaw was ordered to pay \$1,491,701.33 in restitution to Winsor Construction.

"Theft committed by those in positions of trust are especially troubling, particularly when it involves this level of taking over such an extended period of time from a local business," said District Attorney Dan Dow. "Our Major Fraud Unit stands ready to aggressively prosecute these and other similar criminal breaches of fiduciary duty".

The conviction of Mrs. Shaw is the result of a ten month long investigation by the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department and San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office.

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