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NO CHARGES FILED AGAINST SKEETER MANGAN FOR POSSESSING POLICE CHIEF'S MISPLACED FIREARM

District Attorney Dow Commends Citizen for Assistance

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, August 17, 2019 – District Attorney Dan Dow announced today that no charges will be filed against Mr. Skeeter Carlos Mangan (dob 3/20/89), of Los Osos, CA, for taking and possessing a Glock .380 firearm that was mistakenly left by San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deanna Cantrell in the bathroom of El Pollo Loco on Los Osos Valley Road in San Luis Obispo mid-day on July 10, 2019.

“While the evidence in this case does support a misdemeanor charge of Penal Code section 485, after thoroughly considering all the circumstances, I have concluded that it would not be in the interest of justice to charge Mr. Mangan with a crime,” said District Attorney Dan Dow. “It is my sincere hope that Mr. Mangan and other members of our community have learned from this widely publicized situation that failure to take immediate steps to find the rightful owner of lost property is a crime of theft under California law.”

Under California Penal Code section 485, failure to return lost property is a crime of theft. The statute reads as follows: “[o]ne who finds lost property under circumstances which give him knowledge of or means of inquiry as to the true owner, and who appropriates such property to his own use, or to the use of another person not entitled thereto, without first making reasonable and just efforts to find the owner and to restore the property to him, is guilty of theft.”

“I am compelled to thank and commend Mr. Sean F. Greenwood, of San Luis Obispo, for his swift action in contacting Mr. Mangan after recognizing him in social media posts as the person who likely had possession of the firearm,” said District Attorney Dan Dow. “Mr. Greenwood’s actions enabled the quick recovery of this lost firearm and prevented any further harm to come from this unfortunate situation. I consider Mr. Greenwood a ‘Good Samaritan’ whose actions set a positive example for others in our community.”

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