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NEWS RELEASE

December 22, 2017

VPD Report Number: 16-35052

Date/Time Occurred: July 2012 thru November 2016

Type of Incident: 503 PC Embezzlement

Location: Visalia Cemetery

Name of Business (if applicable):

Visalia Cemetery District

Suspect:

1. Dona J. Shores

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3.

Age:

63

Arrested:

yes

Details: The Visalia Police Department was contacted by the Visalia Public Cemetery District in October of 2016 regarding an embezzlement. The District advised that Shores a longtime employee had recently left their employment and they had found financial irregularities in the bookkeeping records. The Visalia Police Department began an investigation and the Visalia Public Cemetery District conducted a forensic audit, it was determined that nearly 1.2 million dollars had been embezzled from fiscal year 2012 thru 2016.

On 12-22-2017 Visalia Police Department Property Crimes Detectives arrested the former cemetery manager Dona Shores without incident at her residence in Visalia. .

If any member of the Public has any information they are asked to contact Detective Blake McEwen of the Visalia Police Department Property Crimes Unit at 713-4101.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Detective McEwen

Supervisor: Sergeant R. Gauger

