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San Joaquin County Superior Court Uncovers Theft at Main Stockton Courthouse

Supervisors in the San Joaquin Superior Court's Accounting Department have uncovered a recent pattern of theft in the main Stockton Courthouse.

On Friday, May 13th, 2011, while verifying deposits of criminal and traffic case fees and fines, supervisors discovered a recent series of late deposits. Further investigation revealed that an employee in the accounting department may have been responsible for failing to deposit funds for several days in the months of April and May 2011. On Monday, May 16th, 2011, after supervisors confronted the employee with the discrepancies, the employee resigned from the Court.

From the Court's initial investigation, it is estimated that \$42,000 in cash was stolen. All other payment types (checks, money orders, etc.) have been accounted for and have now been deposited. All payments made by members of the public have been properly credited.

"This is an unfortunate incident," said Court Executive Officer Rosa Junqueiro. "But it demonstrates that staff in the San Joaquin Superior Court's Accounting Department are vigilantly and appropriately monitoring public funds. I have asked the Audit Division of the California Administrative Office of the Courts to conduct an extensive review of the Court's internal controls and processes concerning this matter."

A criminal investigation is pending.

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