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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Christine O'Connor Cram
Embezzlement convictions

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Christine O'Connor Cram, age 63, of Modesto, was convicted on August 30, 2018, of two counts of felony embezzlement. Deputy District Attorney Ahnna Reicks prosecuted the cases for the People.

From November 2002 to May of 2013, Cram was employed as a bookkeeper and office manager for a local Modesto business. As part of her duties, Cram was responsible for coordinating the company's payroll. Over a five-year period from January 1, 2008 to May 23, 2013, Cram falsified her own payroll records by adding additional work hours, taking a total of \$127,823.37 in wages and benefits she did not earn and was not entitled to.

From July 2010 through January 2014, Cram also held the position of treasurer for a local senior citizens group. Without authorization, Cram wrote multiple reimbursement checks to herself from the organization's bank account that she was not entitled to. The total amount taken was \$1,112.88 and does not include an additional \$1,450.00 paid to a forensic accountant needed to uncover the theft.

On August 30, 2018 Cram pled no contest to two counts of felony embezzlement. She was placed on 3 years of felony probation and ordered to serve 240 days in the county jail. Cram was also ordered to stay away from each victim and pay full restitution.

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