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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: September 4, 2018  
Re: Nicole Michelle Rush  
Embezzlement conviction & sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Nicole Michelle Rush, age 34, of Modesto, was convicted on August 29, 2018 of felony embezzlement. Deputy District Attorney Ahnna Reicks prosecuted the case for the People.

From December 2014 through November 2015, Rush worked as a receptionist for a Modesto nonprofit. Without the company's knowledge, Rush opened company mail and took 284 donor checks that had been received. An investigation by Modesto Police discovered photographs and ATM surveillance video showing Rush depositing the stolen checks into her personal bank account. A total of \$24,507.44 was taken. When confronted, Rush confessed to what she had done.

On August 30, 2018, Rush pled no contest to one count of felony embezzlement before Judge Ricardo Cordova. Due to her lack of significant prior criminal history and her cooperation with police, she was placed on three years of felony probation and ordered to serve 150 days in the county jail. She must also stay away from the business address and pay restitution to the victim.

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