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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Modesto, California – District Attorney Jim Brazelton announced the arrest today of former Chief Financial Officer of Medic Alert Foundation, Effie DeBow, and her husband, Richard Rebsamen, on a charge of grand theft from the Medic Alert Foundation International. A complaint has been filed charging DeBow and Rebsamen with Grand Theft of over \$50,000 from Medic Alert Foundation during the time period from January, 1999 through September 17, 2002. The complaint also charges Medic Alert Foundation CEO/President, Tanya Glazebrook with Embezzlement/Grand Theft from Medic Alert Foundation in an amount exceeding \$400.00. An arrest warrant is currently outstanding for Glazebrook. Her attorney has been notified.

The arrests were the culmination of a year long investigation by the Stanislaus County District Attorney's office into allegations that Glazebrook, DeBow and Rebsamen used Medic Alert's corporate credit cards improperly. A search warrant was served in September, 2002 upon Medic Alert Foundation, and DeBow's and Rebsamen's private residence by members of the High Tech Crimes Task Force and Investigators from the District Attorney's Office. Items seized during the search warrant showed that the corporate credit card was used for personal purposes. DeBow was terminated in September following the service of the search warrant. Glazebrook remains CEO and President of Medic Alert Foundation International.