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**PRESS RELEASE**

**FORMER HAVEN HUMANE CEO CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLEMENT,  
IDENTITY THEFT AND GRAND THEFT**

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This morning, Norman Ryan, the former Chief Executive Officer of Haven Humane Society in Redding, was convicted by a Shasta County jury of five felonies, including Embezzlement by a Public Officer, Identity Theft and Grand Theft. The jury had deliberated for approximately five hours before rendering their verdict.

Ryan was convicted of falsifying a Southwest Airlines flight confirmation document and submitting it for reimbursement by Haven Humane. Ryan claimed he had attended a Humane Society Conference in Chicago, Illinois, when, in fact, he had taken a personal trip to the Philippines. Ryan also used a credit card belonging to Haven Humane to pay for a flight to San Francisco which preceded his trip to the Philippines. The total loss to Haven Humane from these thefts was approximately \$1,400.00.

Haven Humane is a non-profit agency which receives taxpayers' dollars from the City of Redding to provide animal control and sheltering services. Haven also receives donations from businesses and private citizens. As the Chief Executive Officer, Ryan was considered a Public Officer, because he was in charge of taxpayers' money.

Ryan faces up to five years and eight months in State Prison. He will be sentenced June 16, 2009.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Erin M. Dervin, and investigated by the Redding Police Department Investigator Matt Zalesny, as well as investigators from the Shasta County District Attorney's Office.