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**PRESS RELEASE**

**EX-SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEE CHARGED  
IN EMBEZZLEMENT CASE**

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District Attorney Jerry Benito announced today that he has filed 3 felony criminal charges against Ursula Shoemaker, aged 59, a former Sheriff's Office clerk. Ms. Shoemaker is charged with Misappropriation of Public Funds, Embezzlement by a Public Officer, and Grand Theft. Ms. Shoemaker is accused of misappropriating money paid by citizens to the Sheriff's Office to renew concealed weapons permits, fingerprinting services and copies of Sheriff's Office investigative reports from approximately 1/1/07 to 5/26/09. The total amount of money alleged to have been taken is approximately \$15,363.00. If convicted, Ms. Shoemaker faces a maximum of 4 years in State Prison. The District Attorney will seek restitution for money taken.

Upon discovery of the thefts, the Sheriff took aggressive steps to correct the harm to citizens who believed they had obtained a concealed weapons permit. The District Attorney will also seek reimbursement to the Sheriff's Office for the cost of time spent by public employees of the Sheriff's Office to correct the harm caused by the thefts.

The case was investigated by Redding Police Department Investigator Eric Little.

For questions, contact District Attorney Jerry Benito at 245-6310 or Sheriff Tom Bosenko at 245-6165.