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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **“CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT FOR FRAUD”**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The Shasta County District Attorney’s Office filed criminal charges today against Jason Olson, who is owner of True Vacation Travel. The criminal complaint alleges 70 counts, 60 of which are felonies. Also included is an enhancement for “Aggravated White Collar Crime”, which is a penalty enhancement for committing two or more felonies that involve a pattern of related conduct, relating to fraud or embezzlement, and the unlawful taking of more than \$100,000.00.

Olson is charged with crimes related to: Grand Theft, Identity Theft, Elder Abuse, Credit Card Fraud, Embezzlement, Writing Bad Checks, and numerous violations of the Seller of Travel laws.

The charges stem from Olson misusing clients’ payments or their credit card information to pay for vacations for other individuals, without the consent or knowledge of the person being charged. Additionally, the charges are based on Olson receiving payments from clients for travel purchases, but failing to actually book the reservations that he was paid for by his clients.

The investigation was initiated by the District Attorney’s Office Consumer Protection Unit and lead by Investigator Joseph Hendrix, with assistance from Investigator Shirley Weber with the California Attorney General’s Office. Sergeant Shawn McGinnis with the Redding Police Department also participated in the investigation, by investigating similar crimes committed by Olson with victims from Rhode Island. The case is being handled by Senior Deputy DA Anand “Lucky” Jesrani.

Olson is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon at 1:30pm in Department 2.

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