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**FORMER SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY
TO THEFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS, CONSPIRACY, AND FORGERY**

Re: *People v. Lynn Gay Hogan, Case No. 17CR09765*

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that on April 18, 2018, Lynn Gay Hogan, age 48, pled guilty to felony charges of theft of public funds, forgery, and conspiracy, all occurring between May 27, 2008 and July 25, 2017. Ms. Hogan also admitted an enhancement that alleged the theft exceeded \$500,000. Ms. Hogan's plea occurred in Department 1 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court, in front of the Honorable James E. Herman.

Ms. Hogan was employed by the County of Santa Barbara in the Public Works Department for approximately 28 years prior to her arrest in September, 2017.

Ms. Hogan will return to Court on June 6, 2018 for sentencing at which time it is anticipated that Ms. Hogan will be sentenced to 9 years, 8 months in State Prison, and be ordered to pay \$2,051,470.96 in restitution to the County of Santa Barbara. Additionally, pursuant to California Government Code section 7522.72, with this conviction Ms. Hogan forfeits all her retirement benefits from the County of Santa Barbara earned or accrued from May 27, 2008 to July 25, 2017.

Charges were filed against Ms. Hogan in this case in September of 2017, after an investigation by the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's office. Also charged along with Ms. Hogan were Michael Anzivino, Wendy Puchli, Michelle Lavin, Richard Kaplinski, Vincent Anzivino, Michael Elliott, Christina Huffman, and Leanna Harada. Today's plea only involved Ms. Hogan, and a Preliminary Hearing has been set for all other defendants for June 27, 2018.

Because the cases are still pending for the remaining defendants, the District Attorney's Office cannot comment on the underlying facts regarding Ms. Hogan's plea at this time.
