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Re: *Brett Edward Lovett and Robert C. Burlison; Case No. 17CR10694*

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Brett E. Lovett, 46 years old, of Camarillo and Robert C. Burlison, 64 years old, of La Canada were arrested on the morning of October 11, 2017.

The arrest was made by law enforcement officers and investigators from the California Department of Insurance. The arrest of Lovett and Burlison was the culmination of a 17-month investigation by the California Department of Insurance and the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office into allegations that Lovett defrauded at least nine victims of close to 1.2 million dollars. As alleged in the felony complaint, several of the known victims were elders. At the time the alleged crimes were committed, Lovett was a resident of Carpinteria. Burlison, a licensed California attorney and owner of Burlison Law Group in Pasadena, California, is alleged in the felony complaint to have aided and conspired with Lovett.

Lovett is in custody in Santa Barbara County Jail in lieu of \$250,000 bail and was arraigned on October 13, 2017 in Department 8 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court. Burlison, who was released from custody on \$250,000 bail is scheduled to appear for Arraignment in Santa Barbara Superior Court on November 1, 2017. A copy of the 29-count felony complaint filed by the District Attorney's Office is attached.

Anyone who has information on Brett Lovett or Robert Burlison, or believe they may have been a victim, is encouraged to contact the District Attorney's Office at (805) 568-2312.
