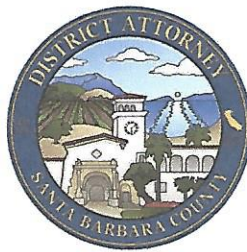


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**\*\*\*\*\* PRESS RELEASE \*\*\*\*\***

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Lynn Hogan, an accountant for the Public Works Department of the County of Santa Barbara, was arrested by Santa Barbara County District Attorney Investigators on charges of misappropriation of approximately \$1,700,000.00 of public funds, forgery, and conspiracy.

This arrest, and the others mentioned below, was made as a result of an investigation conducted by the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office.

Although none of the other arrestees were employed by Santa Barbara County, also arrested on the same charges were: Michele Lavin, Leanna Harada, Christina Huffman, Michael Anzivino, and Vincent Anzivino, all from Santa Barbara or Ventura Counties, and Wendy Puchili a resident of Wyoming, along with Richard Kaplinski who is now residing in Merced, California.

Additionally, an arrest warrant, alleging the same charges, was issued for Michael Elliott, a resident of Pennsylvania.

All those arrested are being held on \$550,000 bail, except Kaplinski and Harada, who are being held on \$475,000 bail.

The District Attorney's Office will be filing a Complaint in this case with arraignment to follow on September 25, 2017 in Department 8 of the Santa Barbara Superior Court.

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