



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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Fresno County District Attorney's Office Files Four Felony Counts in Defrauding of Elderly Victim in Excess of Five Million Dollars

Today, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office filed four (4) felony counts against Christina Alvarado, age 50, of Farmersville. Alvarado is accused of committing fraud over the course of several years, stealing over five million dollars from an elderly victim.

After obtaining access to the victim's accounts, Alvarado completed more than one hundred and twenty fraudulent check and ATM transactions.

As a result of this long-term scheme, Alvarado has been charged with one count of PC 368(d) (theft from an elder or dependent adult), two counts of PC 530.5(a) (identity theft), and one count of PC 470(d) (felony forgery). Additionally, a PC 186.11(a)(2) (white collar crime in excess of \$500,000) enhancement has been alleged in light of the financial loss.

If convicted of all charges and enhancements, Alvarado faces a maximum sentence of nine (9) years and eight (8) months in state prison.

Alvarado remains in custody at the Fresno County Jail with bail currently set at one million dollars.

The Media may email FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov with any questions.

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