



Ukiah Police Department

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Press Release

Embezzlement investigation leads to arrests of two Redwood Valley adults Ukiah Police Department case #16-2805

In September of 2016 Ukiah Police Department's Detective Unit was notified of a suspected embezzlement from Deep Valley Security, a local business. The initial suspect in the embezzlement was Deborah Ann Sears, a former employee at the business.

A lengthy and extensive investigation ensued over the following six months, which included numerous search warrants to obtain financial records. Through the course of the investigation; it was discovered Deborah Sears embezzled over \$180,000.00 from Deep Valley Security while she was employed as the Office Manager from 2014-2016. The investigation revealed Deborah Sears used Deep Valley Security's bank account to pay her and her husband's personal bills. The case was submitted to the Mendocino County District Attorney's office in April of 2017 and charges were filed against Deborah Sears and her husband, Jason Eagles Sears, in July of 2017.

On August 3, 2017, Ukiah Police Detectives served a search warrant at the Sears' residence, in Redwood Valley. During the service of the warrant; both Deborah Sears and Jason Sears were arrested, without incident, pursuant to warrants which were issued for them as a result of this investigation.

Deborah Ann Sears, 45 years old, of Redwood Valley was booked at the Mendocino County Jail on multiple counts of 503 PC (Embezzlement) and 487(a) PC (Grand Theft) and is being held on \$190,000.00 bail.

Jason Eagles Sears, 46 years old, of Redwood Valley was also booked at the Mendocino County Jail on charges of 503 PC (Embezzlement) and 487(a) PC (Grand Theft) and is being held on \$30,000.00 bail.

As always, our mission at Ukiah Police Department is simple: to make Ukiah as safe as possible. If you would like to know more about crime in your neighborhood, you can sign up for telephone, cellphone and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button on our website: www.ukiahpolice.com