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Subject: **Felony Fraud Arrest**

A former Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services Employee and a public assistance recipient were arrested yesterday after a five-month long investigation by the District Attorney's Office with assistance from the Department of Social Services. Trueman George Beach and Summer Ann Mastagni were arrested on felony warrants after the investigation revealed they had worked together to defraud the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services of over \$61,550 in cash aid, food stamps, child care, and MediCal services.

Trueman Beach is a former Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services employee who retired from County service after this investigation began. He faces felony charges of Welfare Fraud, MediCal Fraud, and Embezzlement.

Summer Mastagni faces charges of Welfare Fraud, MediCal Fraud, and Perjury.

Both subjects have been booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail. Bail has been set at \$66,000.