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Re: People v. Juan Cumpian and Dawn Helms Cumpian

On April 30, 2018, Defendant Juan Cumpian and Defendant Dawn Helms Cumpian appeared in Department 9 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Carlos Gutierrez, to conclude their multiple day preliminary hearing. Both defendants were held to answer on felony charges of Grand Theft Embezzlement totaling an excess of \$250,000 and Filing a False Document. The defendants are scheduled to return to court on June 4, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 9 for arraignment on the Information.

In 2006, an estate, which included a home in Vallejo, was left in trust to the victim. In 2014, unbeknownst to the victim, Defendant Juan Cumpian, trustee, transferred the Vallejo home out of the trust and into the name of his wife, Defendant Dawn Cumpian. The defendants then sold the Vallejo home and used the proceeds to purchase a home in Crescent City. At the time the defendants were arrested, they were in the process of selling the Crescent City home and moving to North Carolina with the proceeds.

For the first time in Solano County history, the Solano County District Attorney's Office sought and was granted a preliminary injunction by the Court to freeze the Crescent City home pursuant to Penal Code Section 186.11(d)(2). This preliminary injunction would preserve the property, that was fraudulently obtained, during the pendency of the case and reserve restitution in the event the defendants are convicted.

The case was investigated by District Attorney Investigator Renier Hernandez and is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jeff Daley, who are both part of the District Attorney Real Estate Fraud Team.

