

Jackie Lacey

District Attorney
<http://da.lacounty.gov>



NEWS RELEASE

Media Contact:

Sarah Ardalani
Public Information Officer
213-257-2000
SArdalani@da.lacounty.gov
Twitter: @LADAOoffice

Jan. 10, 2018

Attorney Convicted of Stealing from Client

A 60-year-old man pleaded no contest today to stealing from his client's work-related civil settlement in 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At Tuesday's court appearance, Mark Haddon of La Verne pleaded no contest to three misdemeanor counts in case KA116294: grand theft of property, identity theft and forgery relating to an item exceeding \$950 in value.

Following the plea, Haddon was immediately sentenced to three years of summary probation and ordered to serve four days in county jail. Additionally, the defendant paid the victim the full restitution amount of \$12,000.

Deputy District Attorney Brandy Chase, who prosecuted the case, said Haddon, a civil attorney, represented a man in reaching a settlement with his employer in December 2014.

The settlement agreement was for \$50,000, however, Haddon told his client it was for \$40,000, the prosecutor said. It was later discovered that the defendant had forged his client's signature on the original settlement documents, according to the prosecutor, and then pocketed some of the funds.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation.

[About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#)

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.