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Former Simi Valley Youth Baseball Board Member Charged with Felony Theft

VENTURA, California - District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today the filing of a criminal complaint against Jeffrey Melnick (DOB 07/30/67), of Simi Valley, alleging six felony counts of grand theft. These charges resulted from an investigation conducted by the Simi Valley Police Department. Melnick was arrested January 9, 2020, in a joint operation conducted by the Simi Valley Police Department and California Highway Patrol.

Until October 2019, Melnick was treasurer of the Simi Youth Baseball organization for seven years and a board member for four years. In his capacity as treasurer, Melnick was entrusted with managing the books and bank account. In October 2019, another board member reported Melnick to the police for suspected embezzlement. Investigation yielded evidence that Melnick used debit cards drawn on the organization's account to make personal consumer purchases unrelated to the administration or activities of the organization. Following his arrest, Melnick posted bail of $10,000 and was released from the Ventura County jail. Melnick is scheduled to be arraigned on January 23, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. If convicted on all charges, Melnick faces up to 6 years 4 months in prison.

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