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Criminal charges filed against former Moraga Community Foundation treasurer

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United States Attorney David L. Anderson and Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge Kareem Carter, through the Department of Justice, on June 17 announced charges filed against Francis Robert Fritzky, the former treasurer of the Moraga Community Foundation. Fritzky was charged with filing a false tax return, wire fraud and aiding and abetting.

In early September the MCF revealed that Fritzky allegedly made unauthorized withdrawals as Foundation treasurer, between June 23, 2016 through July 24, 2019, of more than \$250,000 from MCF's bank accounts to himself, to his majority owned company MedMatRx, LLC and to the Jeanette Fritzky Foundation which he founded and controlled. Fritzky also allegedly provided false financial reports to MCF's board of directors.

According to DOJ, the maximum statutory penalty for wire fraud is 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. The maximum statutory penalty for making and subscribing a false tax return is three years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. However, any sentence will be imposed by the court only after consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of a sentence.

As a reminder, the charges at this point are allegations only. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law. The case will be prosecuted by the Special Prosecutions Section of the

U.S. Attorney's Office as a result of an investigation by the Moraga Police Department and IRS Criminal Investigation. Fritzky's initial court appearance in this matter is awaiting scheduling.

Moraga Mayor Kimberleigh Korpus stated, "I can't speak on this matter on behalf of the Town or the Town Council, but I personally remain horribly stunned and saddened by the entire situation." She added, "I hope that justice is served in the end, and that Jeanette Fritzky's children find their way to better days as quickly as possible."

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