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## **CITY ATTORNEY SECURES JAIL FOR FORMER VALLEY DENTAL RECEPTIONIST RUNNING CREDIT CARD SCAM**

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo today announced that a former receptionist at a West Hills dental office had been sentenced to 270 days in jail after pleading no contest to charges he pocketed cash payments from patients and forged credit card charges to conceal the theft.

Taylor Spoor, 27, pled to one count of conveying a stolen credit card and one count of falsely signing a credit card slip. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Randy Rhodes sentenced him to 270 days in jail and 36 months of probation, and ordered him to pay \$1,635 in restitution to the dentist.

The charges against Spoor stem from an investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department into complaints of unauthorized charges by patients of a West Hills dentist's office.

In October 2006, the dentist instructed the office manager to conduct an audit after several patients had complained of unauthorized charges to their credit cards. The audit identified 13 patients who had made cash payments to Spoor following their office visit and 12 other patients who had unauthorized charges on their credit cards. Further review of the patient records revealed that Spoor had generated fraudulent and sometimes forged credit card invoices on patient accounts to conceal the theft of the cash.

The dentist subsequently refunded all patients credit card charges totaling \$1,635 and terminated Spoor's employment at the office. Results of the investigation were forwarded to City Attorney Delgadillo's Identity Theft and Fraud Unit for prosecution by Deputy City Attorney Maureen Rodriguez.

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