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**Couple Indicted for Embezzling \$500,000 from Davis Family**

**(Woodland, CA) – March 24, 2010** District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that the Yolo County Grand Jury handed down indictments on Discovery Bay couple Benjamin Joseph Chaney and Kara Leigh Brown for seven counts of theft and embezzlement with “Aggravated White Collar Crime” enhancements alleging a theft of more than \$500,000 from Mr. Chaney’s Davis employer between 2003 and 2007.

Chaney was employed by a Davis family business as Chief Financial Officer. Between 2003 to 2007, Chaney allegedly used his position to write checks and use the company credit card for a multitude of personal expenses related to the couple’s home, vehicles and entertainment.

The indictment of the couple follows two years of litigation and investigation in the Yolo County Courts.

Yolo County Judge Janet Gaard, who presides over the Grand Jury, issued warrants for the couple, who were arrested over this last weekend. Judge Gaard set bail according to the court’s bail schedule. However, the judge handling the March 22 arraignment of the couple released them without requiring them to post any bail over the objection of the District Attorney’s Office.

A trial setting conference has been scheduled for April 9, 2010 before the Honorable Stephen Mock.

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