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NEWS RELEASE

CBA MOVES TO PROTECT CONSUMERS BY RESTRICTING A SAN DIEGO AREA CPA FROM PRACTICING PUBLIC ACCOUNTING

SACRAMENTO – The Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Diego, North County Division, has granted the California Board of Accountancy's request to restrict a Solana Beach CPA from practicing public accounting pending the outcome of the criminal charges against her.

Christine Meyer, of Solana Beach, CA, has been charged with committing fraud and embezzlement, grand theft, forgery, and check forgery. Ms. Meyer is presently incarcerated.

CBA Executive Officer Patti Bowers says the CBA sought the order under California Penal Code Section 23 to protect the public as the criminal case progresses.

Ms. Bowers stated: "While the legal proceedings involving Ms. Meyer continue in this matter, it is our responsibility to protect the public. Although Ms. Meyer is presently incarcerated, the order prevents her from practicing as a CPA, either directly or indirectly, pending the outcome of her criminal case and I appreciate the hard work of Deputy Attorney General Carl Sonne to bring this successful result."

Ms. Meyer is also prohibited from acting as a CPA or performing activities for which a CPA license is required, either directly or indirectly, while on pretrial own recognizance (O.R.) release, while on bail pending resolution of this criminal proceeding, as a post-conviction condition of probation, or any California Board of Accountancy disciplinary proceeding, whichever concludes last. The order does not constitute discipline on Ms. Meyer's CPA license.

The CBA encourages consumers who have a complaint against any accountant licensed in California to file a complaint directly on the CBA website, www.cba.ca.gov.

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