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Former Oxnard Police Officer Charged with Two Counts of Felony Grand Theft

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Randi Breon Vines (DOB 06/08/90) has been charged with two felony counts of grand theft. At the time of the alleged offenses, Vines was employed as a police officer with the City of Oxnard.

"Police officers are entrusted to protect and serve the community," District Attorney Nasarenko said. "When that trust is violated, they must be held accountable."

Vines is accused of using his city-issued fuel card to purchase fuel for his personal vehicle. The purchases are alleged to have occurred between September 2022 and May 2024, totaling over \$3,300. Vines is also accused of stealing approximately \$1,200 from an arrestee on May 5, 2024. Vines was given possession of the arrestee's personal property, which included cash, following the arrest of the man by the Oxnard Police Department. Prior to booking the suspect into the Ventura County Jail, Vines is accused of stealing most of the arrestee's cash from an envelope.

The Oxnard Police Department investigated both incidents. Oxnard Police Chief Jason Benites said, "We take matters such as this very seriously, and we hold accountable those persons who cross the line, including our own employees. No one should be above the law."

Senior Deputy District Attorney Tony Wold, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Public Integrity Unit, is prosecuting the case. Vines was arraigned this morning in Ventura County Superior Court and pled not guilty. His next scheduled court appearance is for an early disposition conference set for December 11, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 11.

Case: 2024022621 Defendant Information: Randi Breon Vines (DOB 06/08/1990)

Charges:

• (2 counts) PC 487(a) - Grand theft