

# News

## STOCKTON TEMP ARRESTED IN EMBEZZLEMENT

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SAN ANDREAS - A Stockton woman hired as a temporary worker to ease a staffing shortage at the Calaveras County Water District instead set up a fake account so she could embezzle \$20,000 in home improvements and appliances from the district, according to the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department.

The department said in a news release that Dashanna Marie Reed, 27, was arrested Wednesday at her Stockton home on charges of embezzlement, fraudulent use of an access card, identity theft, grand theft and check fraud. She was booked into the San Joaquin County Jail pending her prosecution in Calaveras County.

Investigators said Reed used business information belonging to the water district to set up the fake account. Then she used the account to shop online during her work hours at the San Andreas-based district, purchasing an Xbox game system, a laptop computer, a dishwasher, barbecue, refrigerator, wallpaper, light switches, pots, pans and even household cleaning supplies.

Investigators said that the district hired Reed through a temp agency in November. They said she made many of her purchases from Lowe's and The Home Depot in Stockton. Representatives of the two retailers were on hand with trucks to haul the items away when Reed was arrested.

The U.S. Postal Service is also investigating the case, and Reed may face federal prosecution for fraudulent purchases made through the mail, investigators said.

Anyone with further information on the case is asked to call Calaveras County Detective Josh Crabtree at (209) 754-6564.