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Arraignment for deputy in embezzlement case

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EL CAJON – Arraignment is scheduled Monday for a sheriff's deputy accused of embezzling thousands of dollars from an East County homeowners association for which he served as treasurer.

Ronald Minoru Sakamoto, 44, was arrested Thursday at his Santee workplace and booked into jail on suspicion of multiple counts of burglary and embezzlement, according to La Mesa police Lt. Allen White. Bail was set at \$200,000.

Two weeks ago, the president of the Lake Murray Gardens Home Owners Association reported the suspected misappropriation of between \$18,000 and \$20,000 from the organization's coffers, White said.

Sakamoto, a 19-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, was placed on non-paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the case, authorities said.

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