



## October 15, 2020: Former County Employee Charged With Embezzling Public Funds

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A former engineer for Los Angeles County's Internal Services Department pleaded not guilty today to charges that he misappropriated and embezzled county funds for his own personal gain, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Adams (dob 6/29/58) of Granada Hills was charged in case BA489381 with two counts each of public officer crime, grand theft by embezzlement and grand theft. He entered his not guilty plea today and is scheduled to return on January 11 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department 50 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

The case was filed for warrant on August 19.

Deputy District Attorney David Barkhurst of the Public Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

Between August 2016 and April 2017, Adams is accused of using his position as chief stationary engineer to obtain personal items using county funds. The defendant allegedly used these public funds to purchase radio equipment and parts for his motorhome, the prosecutor said.

Total losses were more than \$7,000.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of five years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller's Office of County Investigations and the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.