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**Accountant Charged with Embezzling  
from Girl Scouts, Cancer Center**

An accountant has been charged with embezzling more than \$93,000 from the Girl Scouts and a local cancer center over a four-year period, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Patricia Cascione (dob 4/18/66) of Santa Clarita faces two felony counts of embezzlement by a public or private officer, according to the criminal complaint in case BA471972 filed yesterday.

She is expected to be arraigned tomorrow in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Cascione, a certified public accountant, was the chief financial officer of the Beverly Hills Cancer Center and the volunteer treasurer for two local Girl Scouts of the United States of America chapters as well as a Girl Scouts service unit when the alleged crimes occurred, according to prosecutors.

From March 1, 2013, to Feb. 13, 2017, Cascione is accused of using funds totaling \$58,863 from the Girl Scouts accounts for her personal use. Furthermore, in her CFO role, the defendant allegedly diverted \$34,500 in donations from the cancer center to one of her Girl Scouts accounts in order to embezzle the money, prosecutors said.

Cascione faces a possible maximum penalty of up to three years and eight months in local custody if convicted as charged.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$125,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Emerging Cyber Trends Team.

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