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CASE OF INTEREST

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CASE: James Mayle, Dennis Nilsson, and Janie Rankins-Mayle
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District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that a jury convicted James Earle Mayle (66) and his wife Janie Rankins-Mayle (63) of grand theft and bribery for their part in over billing the Sacramento Public Library Authority for maintenance services. The jury also convicted James Mayle, the former security supervisor of the library, of criminal conflict of interest.

Mayle and Rankins-Mayle formed two companies, All City Maintenance and Hagginwood Services, Inc. With the assistance of co-defendant Dennis Nilsson (65), the library's facilities supervisor, independent contractors who did maintenance services for the library were directed to submit their bills to Rankins-Mayle under the All City and Hagginwood businesses. Rankins-Mayle then substantially inflated those billings and submitted them to the library for payment using her own letterheads. Nilsson approved all of the invoices for payment. From 2004 to 2007, All City Maintenance and Hagginwood Services, Inc. were paid approximately \$1.3 million, of which \$780,000 had been inflated over what the contractors who actually performed the work originally billed. Dennis Nilsson was paid by Mayle and Rankins-Mayle over \$100,000 in bribes for approving the invoices.

A separate jury had previously convicted Dennis Nilsson of 16 counts of grand theft, bribery, and conflict of interest. That jury heard additional evidence from several contractors who, at Nilsson's direction, had previously over billed the library for maintenance services and paid bribes.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Blazina, who prosecuted the case, stated, "This is a classic case of public corruption. These defendants substantially padded maintenance billings so they could misappropriate taxpayer funds for their own financial benefit."

Sentencing for all three defendants is scheduled for January 20, 2012 before the Honorable Allen H. Sumner. Dennis Nilsson faces a potential maximum sentence of 21 years, 8 months in state prison. James Mayle faces a potential maximum sentence of 12 years in state prison. Janie Rankins-Mayle faces a potential maximum sentence of 11 years, 4 months in state prison. The defendants are not eligible for probation, absent unusual circumstances.