

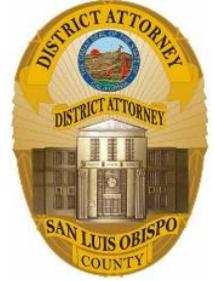
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**LACEY FOWLER SENTENCED IN
CUESTA COLLEGE IDENTITY THEFT CASE**

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – On Wednesday, January 27th 2016, Hon. Judge Donald G. Umhofer sentenced Lacey Fowler (1/6/1986) to 350 days in county jail, following her plea on January 4th of no contest to felony identity theft, also known as unlawful access of computer data. While an employee of Cuesta College, Ms. Fowler stole personal identifying information of current and former employees. With respect to several of the victims, Ms. Fowler opened up credit card accounts in their names. Although their credit history was damaged, it appears that no victims have directly lost any money.

Ms. Fowler will be placed on probation for four years, and she must participate in residential drug treatment following her release from jail. In a separate case, Ms. Fowler's husband, Chad Fowler, was also convicted by his plea of no contest to felony Possessing Methamphetamine for Sale, with an admission of a "weight enhancement." On March 30, 2016, he will be sentenced to 5 years in County Jail Prison.

This case was investigated by the Cuesta College Police Department. Deputy District Attorney Craig Van Rooyen was the assigned prosecutor on this case.

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