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District Attorney Lykos Lauds DA Investigator for Uncovering Booster Club Theft

Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos praised the work of White Collar Investigator Dustin Deutsh this week after he uncovered and charged two individuals with a large-scale theft of booster club funds. Andrea Dawn Maxwell, 38, and Donald LaGrone, 49, are both charged with first-degree felony offenses that could subject them up to life in prison if convicted. The funds were intended for a January trip to Disney World for members of Acrosports, a Webster based facility.

In 2011, Deutsh investigated a complaint from the non-profit organization, discovering that although they had paid over \$100,000 to Maxwell and LaGrone, no travel arrangements had been made. After conducting interviews and reviewing voluminous bank records, the DA investigator determined that the defendants were involved in a scam, not a legitimate travel business. Deutsh found receipts that had been forged by the pair for flights and hotels that were not valid. He also uncovered other fraudulent activity that victimized people in the Dallas area.

Several families paid hundreds of dollars for the planned trip to Disney. They expressed anger and disappointment about the losses. Parents said their children could not understand what happened to crush their dreams of a Disney adventure.

The cases have been assigned to the 184th District Court and will be prosecuted by an assistant district attorney who specializes in white collar thefts. Maxwell and LaGrone will make their next court appearance on October 30th.

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