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## **ELDERLY DAYTON WOMAN SENTENCED FOR THEFT OF GANDER ROAD HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

DAYTON – Rose Griffin, age 69, of Dayton, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to five years probation, serving the first 18 months on home confinement, and ordered to pay restitution to the Gander Road Homeowner's Association in the amount of \$87,200.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Dan Osborne, Acting Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service, and Chief Richard Biehl, Dayton Police Department, announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Walter Herbert Rice.

Griffin pleaded guilty on June 17, 2009 to one count of honest services mail fraud. According to the statement of facts filed in court, while serving as president of the Gander Road Homeowner's Association, Griffin embezzled and converted to her own personal use and benefit \$87,200 in funds that belonged to the association between July 2005 and January 2007. She made false entries in the association's financial records and fraudulently diverted funds from the association's money market account to conceal her theft activities.

Griffin's sentence involves 24 hour lock down with electronic monitoring equipment at her expense. She is only allowed to leave her home for pre-approved medical visits for 18 months. Griffin must repay the restitution at the rate of \$1,000 per month and receive counseling for gambling addiction. The Court also ordered that a lien be placed on Griffin's home.

Stewart commended the investigation of this case by Dayton Police officers and Secret Service agents, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheila Lafferty, who prosecuted the case.

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