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CONDO PRESIDENT ARRESTED FOR SCHEME TO DEFRAUD TOTALING ALMOST \$300,000

WHO: Barbara D. Lockett (Arrested)
DOB: 6-17-61
Clearwater, Fla.

Kelly Choi (Victim)
Dunedin, Fla.

WHAT: Scheme to Defraud

WHEN: March 2010 - December 2010

WHERE: Mission Hills Condominiums
1401 Mission Hills Boulevard
Clearwater, Fla.

SUMMARY: The suspect, who is a licensed real estate broker, used her position as President of the Mission Hills Condominium Association to sell 22 units in the Mission Hills community to the victim. The suspect informed the victim that the units were available and for sale. The suspect, acting as a real estate broker, agreed to complete and handle all the paperwork for the victim. She instructed the victim to wire the money to the bank for the property sales. Detectives learned the bank account was actually the suspect's personal account. Eleven (11) of the units are either in foreclosure or have outstanding mortgages and the other eleven (11) are owned and were not listed for sale. Detectives believe there may be additional victims. The investigation continues...

