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## Anne Arundel County Woman Charged in Two Felony Theft Schemes

**BALTIMORE, MD (June 30, 2025)** – Attorney General Anthony G. Brown announced today that the Grand Jury for Anne Arundel County handed down two indictments charging Carolyn Rae Aldridge, 55, of Crofton, Maryland, with two separate felony theft schemes. The investigation was led by the Fraud and Corruption Unit of the Attorney General’s Criminal Division.

“Stealing from an employer—whether a private business or a state-created entity like MAIF—is not just theft, it’s a betrayal of trust that harms coworkers, undermines public confidence, and erodes the integrity of institutions that serve Marylanders,” **said Attorney General Brown.** “When individuals exploit their positions for personal gain, they will be identified, investigated, and prosecuted. No one is above accountability.”

The first indictment alleges that between August 2017 and January 2021, Aldridge stole 96 checks from a home improvement and general contracting company, for a total loss of \$173,004.43. Aldridge worked as the office manager for the company and used her position to steal the checks and deposit them into her personal bank account without authorization.

The second indictment alleges that between January 2020 and February 2021, Aldridge stole 13 additional checks from the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (MAIF), for a total loss of \$12,291.85. Aldridge stole the checks while working as a part-time contractual associate in the fiscal department for MAIF. All the checks were deposited into her personal bank account without authorization.

In making today’s announcement, Attorney General Brown thanked his Criminal Division, specifically Division Chief Katie Dorian, Fraud and Corruption Unit Chief Alexander Huggins, and Assistant Attorney General Timothy Lake, who is prosecuting these cases. Attorney General Brown also thanked Maryland Insurance Administration Forensic Auditor Suzzanne Jones and Investigator William Wagner. Finally, Attorney General Brown also thanked State’s Attorney for Anne Arundel County Anne Colt Leites for her assistance with this prosecution.

A criminal indictment is merely an accusation of wrongdoing, and a defendant is presumed innocent until the State proves the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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