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**CARVER MAN SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON, ORDERED TO PAY FULL
RESTITUTION FOR SCHEMING TO STEAL \$1.1 MILLION FROM ELDERLY
VICTIM**

PLYMOUTH – A Carver man who orchestrated a scheme to defraud an elderly neighbor of \$1.1 million has been sentenced to State Prison, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

On May 4, 2017, after a week-long, jury-waived trial in Plymouth Superior Court, 46-year-old Jamie M. Ferreira was found guilty of four counts of Larceny over \$250, two counts of Creation of a False Lottery Ticket and one count each of Forgery, Uttering a Check and Larceny Over \$250. Today, Judge Christopher Muse sentenced Ferreira to serve 6-8 years in State Prison on the Forgery and Uttering a Check charges. Ferreira was also sentenced to serve 4-5 years in State Prison to run concurrent with the 6-8 years on the remaining charges. Ferreira was ordered to pay full restitution in the amount of \$1.1 million to the victim and serve probation for five years with the condition that he stay away and have no contact with the victim in this case. The Commonwealth had requested that Ferreira serve 10-15 years in State Prison for the charges to be followed by 10 years of probation.

“Over a 10-year period, the defendant systematically stole more than a million dollars from the elderly victim in this case by preying upon her trust, friendship and goodwill,” DA Cruz said. “Mr. Ferreira offered repeated hopes of repayment and friendship, only to strip this woman of her life savings in a particularly cruel and cunning way. We are pleased that he will now spend time in State Prison for his violation of trust in this case.”

The victim in this case believed she was using her hard-earned money that she saved over 20 years to assist a friend need, but was instead duped and misled by Mr. Ferreira’s greedy lies. Ferreira orchestrated an elaborate scheme to convince the elderly female victim to give him substantial loans totaling approximately \$1.1 million between 2005 and 2011. The scheme was based on bogus collateral, including a fake \$4 million dollar winning lottery ticket, false promissory note, and fake lawsuit settlement check. Ferreira went so far that in 2010, he created a fictitious mystery man supposedly associated with a car dealership that the victim knew only by phone. Ferreira then helped convince the victim to give him more than \$40,000 towards the purchase of a fictitious Cadillac.

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Carver Police Chief Marc Duphily said, “I am extremely pleased with the investigation and prosecution of Jamie Ferreira. I would like to thank the members of the Carver Police Department, Massachusetts State Police and the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office, who worked tirelessly on this case to see that justice was served. Today’s sentencing is the culmination of those efforts. Throughout the last six years, the victim of this egregious crime has shown to be a very strong person who has never failed in her effort to see the truth exposed and Mr. Ferreira convicted. Thank you to all who were able to bring this case to a successful conclusion.”

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Russ Eonas and Stacey Gauthier. The Carver Police Department, Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office, Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department, and Office of the Massachusetts State Lottery participated in the investigation.

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