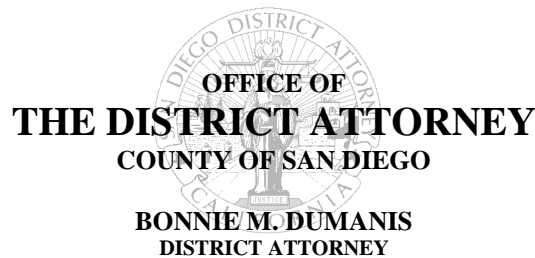


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## **Local Attorney Charged with Stealing More Than \$100,000 from Clients**

San Diego County District Attorney [Bonnie M. Dumanis](#) announced today that long-time San Diego civil attorney David Ronquillo, 64, has been charged with five felony counts stemming from allegations that he stole money from his clients. Ronquillo was arrested by District Attorney Investigators at his Escondido home on Friday and appeared at an arraignment today in Superior Court where he pleaded not guilty.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the State Bar of California and the District Attorney's Office. Ronquillo is charged with two counts of embezzlement, two counts of grand theft and one count of financial elder abuse. If convicted of all counts, Ronquillo faces up to five years, eight months in state prison. His bail was set at \$50,000. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The charges stem from allegations that Ronquillo stole clients' money over a five-year period beginning in 2000. The investigation confirmed allegations leveled against Ronquillo in his dealings with two clients, both of whom complained to the State Bar about the money they had lost due to Ronquillo's handling of their settlements. The loss to the victims is more than \$100,000.

More victims are being sought by the District Attorney's Office. Clients of Ronquillo's Amerimex Law Center at 952 Postal Way, Suite 12 in Vista, CA who may have been defrauded, should contact District Attorney Investigator Dan Schmitt at (619) 531-3607.

Ronquillo's current business address is 7863 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa, CA.

Further information may be obtained on the State Bar's website at [www.calbar.org](http://www.calbar.org).

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