

Elderly Woman Found Guilty Of Identity Theft

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ORLANDO, Fla. -- A 73-year-old woman accused of cheating a mortgage company out of nearly \$2.5 million was found guilty on two counts of identity theft late Thursday morning. Prosecutors said Eva Verner stole the identity of an Orange County woman and then mortgaged the woman's property.

For 20 minutes, Verner gave a meandering closing statement that left some jurors looking like they were going to laugh.

The case starts with a driver's license. The photo is of Verner, but the license has a different name, Sebelles Dymmek. The real Sebelles Dymmek owns millions of dollars in property in Osceola County.

Prosecutors said Verner secured mortgages on the land worth \$2.6 million and sent it to a bank account in the Cayman Islands. Verner doesn't deny she obtained the fake ID. She just said it wasn't crucial to securing the mortgages.

"The loan was approved, the bank said, yes, here is the money," Verner said in court testimony, adding that the bank didn't ask for the driver's license.

The two guilty counts were for identity theft over \$100,000. There is a minimum penalty of 10 years in prison for each of those counts. Verner will be sentenced on November 3.

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