



County of Yolo Office of the District Attorney Jeff W. Reisig, District Attorney

AARP Foundation Awards \$40,000 Grant to Yolo County District Attorney's Office

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(Woodland, CA) - July 9th, 2015 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on May 14, 2015 AARP Foundation awarded the Yolo County District Attorney's office \$40,000 to fund projects to assist elder citizens who are visually impaired. "Visually impaired" individuals have poor vision which cannot be corrected by standard glasses or contact lenses.

The grant will fund computers, software, visual assistance machines and materials which will be located at different venues in Yolo County. As part of the grant project, District Attorney staff will coordinate fraud fair events during the year where local, state and federal experts will provide fraud prevention and awareness information and materials. There will also be a number of secure, mobile, document shredding events throughout Yolo County.

The Yolo County District Attorney's Office will work with Yolo County libraries and community outreach centers on this project. Visually impaired elders will be able to use computers work stations at local libraries to read and listen to fraud and scam prevention literature, and also read books and magazines at their leisure.

District Attorney Reisig emphasized his office's focus on educating and protecting the elder community. "We take fraud against seniors very seriously," said Reisig. "We hope to empower our elder population with knowledge about fraud and how to prevent it."

Upcoming Mobile Shredding Events will be occurring on Tuesday July 14, from 9am to 1pm at the Davis Senior Center located at 646 A Street Davis, CA; Wednesday July 15, from 12pm to 4pm in the parking lot shared by Shasta Pointe Retirement Community and University Retirement Community located at 1501 Shasta Drive Davis, CA; and Thursday July 16, from 8:30am to 11:30 am at University of California Davis, 1 Shields Ave. Davis, CA.

For more information about fraud prevention or to report fraud, please contact the Yolo County District Attorney's Office at 855-4-YOLO-DA (855) 496-5632 or visit <u>YoloDA.org</u>.

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