




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Man Pleads Guilty to Foreclosure Fraud

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Javier Gonzalo Sanchez (DOB 6/18/62) pled guilty to two felony counts of foreclosure consultant fraud. The plea was the result of an investigation conducted by the District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit.

Sanchez promised to help two victims avoid foreclosure on their homes by negotiating on their behalf with their lenders. Sanchez accepted approximately \$40,000 in fees from the victims, who received little or no actual assistance in return. Each victim was diverted from seeking legitimate assistance and one victim lost his home as a result.

Sanchez will be sentenced on November 19, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in courtroom 12 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura. He faces up to 365 days in jail and will be ordered to pay full victim restitution.

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