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Husband and Wife Charged in Real Estate Scam

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today the arrests of Riverside County residents James Anthony Rojas (DOB 1/11/1957) and Yvonne Georganna Martinez (DOB 2/14/1953). Rojas is charged with one felony count of foreclosure consultant fraud and six felony counts of recording a false instrument. Martinez is charged with two felony counts of recording a false instrument. The defendants are also charged with special allegations that each caused victim losses in excess of \$1 million. The charges are the result of an investigation conducted by the Ventura County District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit.

The defendants targeted real estate owned by five senior citizens in Ventura County. The ages of the victims range from 66 to 90 years old. The defendants targeted the victims' properties with false encumbrances or conveyances that clouded lawful title to each affected property.

The defendants are due in court on June 25, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 for an early disposition conference. Both defendants remain in custody. Bail for each is currently set at \$1 million. Before posting bail, the defendants will be required to establish that any monies or collateral used to post bail were not feloniously obtained.

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