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Hispanic Homeowner Public Service Announcement

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today the release of a public service announcement (PSA) video warning Hispanic homeowners of foreclosure rescue scams. Such scams often specifically target Hispanic homeowners. The PSA video is available for viewing on the Ventura County District Attorney website at <https://www.vcdistrictattorney.com/mediacenter/> and at www.refat.org.

It is illegal for anyone to charge in advance for foreclosure assistance or delay, or to negotiate with a homeowner's lender on the homeowner's behalf. It is illegal for a non-attorney to charge money to prepare or file a bankruptcy. A distressed homeowner should also never send any portion of a mortgage payment to anyone other than the homeowner's lender. Additional warnings, including those specifically addressing Hispanic homeowners, can be found by viewing the PSA video at either of the above links. The PSA is presented in English and Spanish.

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