



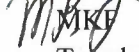
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“We Buy Ugly Homes” Franchisee Charged with Attempted Grand Theft

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Santa Clarita resident Cory Evans (DOB 11/07/78), has been charged with two felony counts of attempted grand theft by false pretenses and two felony counts of attempted financial elder abuse. The charges are the result of an investigation conducted by the Ventura County District Attorney’s Real Estate Fraud Unit, acting on a referral from Ventura County Adult Protective Services.

Evans is a co-owner of HomeVestors, an independently owned “We Buy Ugly Houses” franchise. HomeVestors offers to purchase homes for cash in “as-is” condition. Evans is accused of providing false information to two separate elderly homeowners to induce them to sign contracts for HomeVestors to purchase their homes. Both victims, aged 72 and 76, are Camarillo residents. When each victim attempted to cancel their contract, HomeVestors threatened civil litigation. Evans is scheduled to be arraigned on February 4, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

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