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October is Crime Prevention Month

(Woodland, CA) Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig today announced the Yolo County District Attorney's Office will be out in the community, working with local law enforcement agencies, to educate Yolo County citizens on crime prevention in honor of October being Crime Prevention Month.

In 1984, the National Crime Prevention Council designated October as Crime Prevention Month. Every year since, government agencies, civic groups, schools, businesses, and youth organizations have reached out to educate the public on crime prevention, showcase their accomplishments, and explore new partnerships during this special month.

Crime prevention involves anticipation, recognition and assessment. Individuals must act in self-defense but also be proactive to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of a crime. Through crime prevention education, law enforcement hopes to stimulate public awareness and teach the community so they have the necessary knowledge, so they are aware and so they are mindful. Crime prevention is the most cost effective way to prevent crime in comparison to the costs of having to treat victims and deal with perpetrators.

"We want to empower all of you so you can anticipate, recognize and take action to prevent being a crime victim. After all, we don't want to see you walking through the doors of our Victim Services Division," stated Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig.

During Crime Prevention Month, the District Attorney's office will be sharing crime prevention resources in the following locations: West Sacramento Fair; Davis Farmer's Market; Bel-Air Shopping Center in Woodland, and Winters Farmer's Market. Residents will also find crime prevention tips in local newspapers.

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Attachments:

- 1. Tips to avoid being the victim of annuities and life insurance fraud
- 2. Consumer and Environmental Protection tips
- 3. How do I know if a check is good

- 4. Safety tips to help prevent (parental) child abduction
- 5. How to protect your nest egg from financial fraud
- 6. Tips to avoid being hammered by a dishonest contractor7. Tips when you suspect your child has been abused
- 8. How to reduce your chances of becoming a crime victim