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CA Attorney General Awards Grant Funds to DA's Office

The Yolo County District Attorney will receive \$56,805 to investigate and prosecute identity theft cases.

(Woodland, CA) – October 5, 2012 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that on September 14, 2012, the California Attorney General's Office awarded the District Attorney's Office \$56,805 from the Attorney General's "Privacy and Piracy Fund." This program provides funding to District Attorneys' offices throughout the state. The funding must be used to investigate and prosecute identity theft and intellectual property theft. Intellectual property theft is also known as piracy.

According to Lt. Pete Martin, who supervises the District Attorney's High Tech Unit, the Unit investigates numerous identity theft cases and counterfeiting cases every year. Funding from this grant is used to train digital forensic investigators and purchase forensic equipment for the High Technology lab. A recent example, which showcases the application of high tech expertise and equipment, was an elder abuse case in which the bookkeeper embezzled over a half a million dollars from an elderly woman. The high tech investigator was able to prove that the bookkeeper fraudulently created and back dated documents on her computer, which eventually led to her conviction.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig expressed his gratitude for the state funding. "These kinds of cases are becoming more common." He continued, "this grant will allow the District Attorney's Office to continue our efforts to protect our community from identity theft and intellectual property theft."

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