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May is Older Americans' Month Today there is nearly 40 million older Americans

(Woodland, CA) – April 26, 2013 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that May is Older Americans' Month. In 1963 when Older Americans Month was established, 17 million Americans were older than 65. Today that number is nearly 40 million and growing fast.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig recognizes that older adults are vulnerable and attractive targets for all types of scams including foreign lotteries, "Grandma It's Me" scams, phone calls, Identity Theft and unsuitable investments.

"Older adults have worked and saved so they can provide for their retirement years," said Reisig. "Learning how to recognize, report and avoid fraud can save you from losing your life savings. In fact one of our local seniors who is 100 years old calls in regularly to report on the latest sweepstakes scams."

During the month of May, staff from the DA's Elder Protection Unit will be participating in several free educational events including a Senior Resource Fair at West Sacramento Community Center on Saturday May 4th and another at the Woodland Community/Senior Center on Wednesday May 29th. Excellent information will be available to anyone stopping by including how to run your free credit report. For more information about these events or how to protect yourself from these scams please contact Dave Edwards at (530) 666-8416.

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