

AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Meeting Date Requested:	
July 9, 2013	

To: Board of Supervisors

Date: June 26, 2013

From: George E. Allen
(Department Head - please type)

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Phone Ext. 371

Department Head Signature *George E. Allen*

Agenda Title: Jeanette & Steven Geitz-Set public hearing date for a Certificate of Merger & abandonment of a 10' public utility easement.

Summary: (Provide detailed summary of the purpose of this item; attach additional page if necessary)
 The subject agenda item is a request to set the public hearing date for a Certificate of Merger, and an abandonment of a ten foot (10') wide public utility easement. It is also a request for approval of a Resolution of Intent to Vacate. The property is located on the southerly side of Antelope Drive, at the junction with Sky View Court, in the Buckhorn area. APN 33-450-013 and 33-450-007

Recommendation/Requested Action:

Fiscal Impacts (attach budget transfer form if appropriate)	Staffing Impacts
Is a 4/5ths vote required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Contract Attached: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution Attached: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance Attached: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Comments: _____
Committee Review? Name _____ N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Recommendation: _____	

Request Reviewed by:

Chairman *Paul* Counsel *GG*

Auditor _____ GSA Director *Hop*

CAO *OH* Risk Management _____

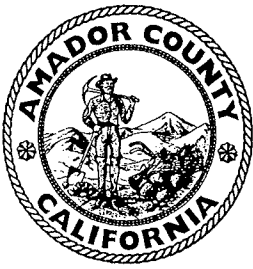
Distribution Instructions: (Inter-Departmental Only, the requesting Department is responsible for distribution outside County Departments)

Set the public hearing date, send out the notices, return a copy of the notice & 2 copies of the resolution, 1 set certified to Survey.

FOR CLERK USE ONLY		
Meeting Date <u>July 9, 2013</u>	Time <u>9 a.m.</u>	Item # <u>3A</u>
Board Action: Approved Yes ___ No ___ Unanimous Vote: Yes ___ No ___		
Ayes: _____	Resolution _____	Ordinance _____
Noes _____	Resolution _____	Ordinance _____
Absent: _____ Comments: _____		

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Jackson, CA 95642-2132
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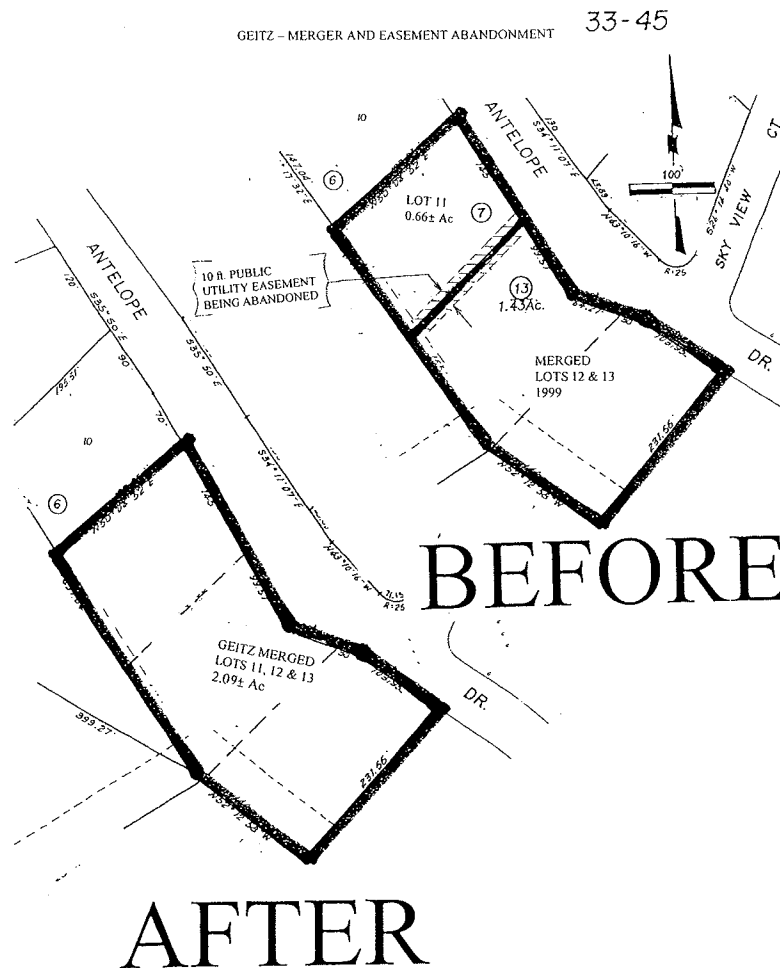
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, has received a request for an abandonment of a ten foot (10') wide public utility easement and a Certificate of Merger from Jeanette Geitz and Steven R. Geitz. The merger consists of merging Lot 11 with a previous merger of Lots 12 and 13 (merged by Document 1999-009267). All lots are shown and delineated on the map "Rabb Park Unit 3" and recorded in Book 2 of Subdivision Maps, at pages 47 thru 51, all in the Records of Amador County. The abandonment of the ten-foot (10') wide public utility easement is coincident with the line common to the above said Lot 11 and the previously merged Lots 12 and 13. The Property is located on the southerly side of Antelope Drive, at the junction with Sky View Court, in the Buckhorn area.

A Public Hearing to consider said abandonment and Certificate of Merger will be held at the County Administration Building, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California 95642, on _____, at _____ or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at which time any and all interested persons may come and be heard thereon.

If you have any questions, or desire further information, please contact Surveying & Engineering (209) 223-6371.

AMADOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Requested By:
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO)
VACATE A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT) RESOLUTION NO. 2013-xxxx
FOR JEANETTE GEITZ AND STEVEN R. GEITZ)

AND SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SAME)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, that said Board hereby declares its intention to vacate a ten- foot (10') wide public utility easement for Jeanette Geitz and Steven R. Geitz; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said vacation is proceeding pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 8320) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Streets and Highway Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing to consider said vacation will be held at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, on xxxx, 2013, at xxxx m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at which time any and all interested persons may come and be heard thereon.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof held on the 9th day of July, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Richard M. Forster, Theodore F. Novelli,
Brian Oneto, John Plasse, and Louis D. Boitano

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County
California

Deputy

AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

To: **Board of Supervisors**

Date: June 20, 2013

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From: Susan Grijalva

(Department Head - please type)

Phone Ext. x380

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Meeting Date Requested:

07/09/13

Department Head Signature

Susan Grijalva

Agenda Title:

Building Department: Agreement to Limit Use of Agricultural Structure for Craig L Parker & Kathleen L Parker Trust restated January 10, 2008.

Summary: (Provide detailed summary of the purpose of this item; attach additional page if necessary)

Craig L Parker and Kathleen L Parker have submitted an application for an Agricultural Exemption and has provided all of the necessary documents including a signed "AGREEMENT TO LIMIT USES OF AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURE" (attached) for recording as required by County Code Section 15.04.040. Subject property is located at 15268 Fiddletown Rd., Fiddletown Ca being APN 014-220-008-000.

Recommendation/Requested Action:

Authorize Chairman to sign the Agreements

Fiscal Impacts (attach budget transfer form if appropriate)

Staffing Impacts

Is a 4/5ths vote required?

Yes

No

Contract Attached:

Yes

No

N/A

Resolution Attached:

Yes

No

N/A

Ordinance Attached

Yes

No

N/A

Comments:

Committee Review?

N/A

Name

Committee Recommendation:

Request Reviewed by:

Chairman

P

Counsel

GG

Auditor

A

GSA Director

HOP

CAO

Risk Management

Distribution Instructions: (Inter-Departmental Only, the requesting Department is responsible for distribution outside County Departments)

When Agreement is signed, return to Building Dept. w/certified Resolution & Acknowledgement of the Chairman's signature.

FOR CLERK USE ONLY

Meeting Date

July 9, 2013

Time

9 a.m.

Item #

3B

Board Action: Approved Yes ___ No ___ Unanimous Vote: Yes ___ No ___

Ayes:

Resolution

Ordinance

Other:

Noes

Resolution

Ordinance

Absent:

Comments:

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I hereby certify this is a true and correct copy of action(s) taken and entered into the official records of the Amador County Board of Supervisors.

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Department
For meeting
of

ATTEST:

Clerk or Deputy Board Clerk

Recording requested by:
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECORDATION OF)
AGREEMENT TO LIMIT USES OF AGRICULTURAL) RESOLUTION NO. 13-xxx
STRUCTURE CRAIG L PARKER TRUSTEE AND)
KATHLEEN L PARKER TRUSTEE)

WHEREAS, Craig L. Parker and Kathleen L. Parker, Trustees of the Craig L. Parker and Kathleen L. Parker Revocable Trust restated January 10, 2008, (“Owner”) desire to construct an agricultural structure on their property and has applied for an Agricultural Building Permit Exemption; and

WHEREAS, Owner has applied for a Agricultural Building Permit Exemption and has complied satisfactorily with all other conditions of the Application for the Permit; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement to Limit Uses of Agricultural Structure for Building Permit #AG01014 is required by Amador County Code Section 15.04.040 and was authorized by the Board of Supervisors at their July 09, 2013 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Owner understands and agrees that the exempted agricultural structure can only be used as provided in said Amador County Code Section 15.04.040 and that any violation of the conditions under which the Agricultural Building Permit was granted may void the exemption.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador that said Board does hereby approve the Agreement to limit uses of an exempt agricultural structure for Building Permit #AG01014 by and between the County of Amador and Craig L Parker and Kathleen L Parker trustees of the Craig L. Parker and Kathleen L. Parker Revocable Trust restated January 10, 2008 on the terms and conditions contained therein as it relates to Building Permit #AG01014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of said Board is hereby authorized to sign, execute and record said Agreement on behalf of the County of Amador.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 9th day of July, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Richard Forster
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of
the Board of Supervisors,
Amador County, California
By: _____

RECORDING REQUESTED BY AND
WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO:

Amador County Building Department
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

APN: 014-220-008-000
Agricultural Building Permit Exemption No:AG01014

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY

AGREEMENT TO LIMIT USES OF AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURE

This Agreement is entered into as of July 09, 2013 by and between the COUNTY OF AMADOR, a political subdivision of the State of California (the "County") and Craig L. Parker and Kathleen L. Parker, Trustees of the Craig L. Parker and Kathleen L. Parker Trust ("Owner").

RECITALS

A. Owner owns certain real property (the "Property") situated in the unincorporated area of the County of Amador, State of California, described as follows:

Legal Description:

APN: 014-200-013-000, 014-220-003-000, & 014-220-008-000
Property Address: 15268 Fiddletown Road, Fiddletown Ca

The S 1/3 of the NE ¼ of Sec 34 T8N R11E, M.D.B&M containing 12 acres more or less.
The SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec 34, containing 40 acres more or less. All of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec 34, lying North of Bradigan Wagon Road, and containing 30 acres more or less. A triangle shaped parcel located in the SW corner of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Sec 35 T8N R11E, M.D.B&M containing 1 acres more or less.

A triangle shaped parcel located in the S 1/3 portion of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Sec 35, containing 20 acres more or less.

The SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Sec 35, containing 40 acres more or less. With a total of 130 acres more or less.

B. Owner desires to construct an agricultural structure on the Property and has applied for an Agricultural Building Permit Exemption.

C. Owner understands and agrees that the exempted agricultural structure can only be used as provided in Amador County Code Section 15.04.40 and that any violation of the conditions under which the Agricultural Building Permit was granted may void the exemption.

D. As a condition of issuance of the Agricultural Building Permit Exemption, the County requires that the restrictions on the use of the structure and all further obligations of Owner set forth in this Agreement run with the land and be made a matter of public record so that any future purchasers of the Property will be made aware of them.

E. Owner is aware and agrees that this agreement will be recorded in the Amador County Recorder's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. Recitals. The parties acknowledge the truth of the recitals set forth above, which are incorporated into this Agreement.
2. Restriction on Use of Agricultural Structure. Owner agrees that in no event shall the exempted agricultural structure be used for any purpose other than to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or horticultural products. The structure shall not be a place of human habitation or a place of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated, or packaged. Employees may only enter the structure on an occasional basis to store or remove equipment or otherwise perform tasks of a limited duration that require infrequent access to the structure. The structure shall not be a place used by the public.
3. Additional Obligations of Owner.
 - 3.1 Owner understands and agrees that despite an exemption from obtaining a permit, the exempted agricultural structure shall be constructed in compliance with Chapter 15 of the Amador County Code, and all other applicable laws of Amador County, the State of California and any federal laws that may apply.
 - 3.2 Owner understands and agrees that any violation of this Agreement or other condition under which the Agricultural Building Permit Exemption was granted may, at the County's sole discretion, void the exemption.
 - 3.3 Owner acknowledges that if the Agricultural Building Permit Exemption becomes void, Owner shall be required to remove the structure or fully permit the structure (building permit application, plan check, inspection process, etc.) and pay all fees then in effect.
 - 3.4 Owner agrees to indemnify the County of Amador and its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers and employees arising from performance or non performance of the its obligations under this Agreement.
4. County's Remedies Upon Default. Owner acknowledges that any violation of this Agreement shall constitute a public nuisance. Upon any violation of this Agreement, the County may pursue any remedies provided by statute or ordinance. In addition to all other remedies provided by law, Owner further agrees that the County or any governmental entity having jurisdiction may obtain immediate injunctive relief against any use of the agricultural structure that is inconsistent with this Agreement.
5. Covenant Running with the Land. Owner agrees that the restrictions and obligations of Owner set forth in this Agreement shall be perpetual and run with the land, binding future owners of the Property, unless and until the exempted agricultural structure is either (i) removed from the property, or (ii) fully permitted by the County.

6. No Waiver of Remedies. Failure to exercise any remedy provided for in this Agreement shall not, under any circumstances, be construed as a waiver of the remedy.

7. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties respecting its subject matter, and supersedes any and all prior discussions, representations, and oral or written agreements, if any, between the parties.

COUNTY:

OWNER: Craig L. Parker and Kathleen L. Parker Revocable Trust, as restated January 10, 2008.

BY: _____
Richard Forster
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

BY: _____
Craig L. Parker, Trustee

BY: _____
Kathleen L. Parker, Trustee

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
GREGORY GILLOTT,
AMADOR COUNTY COUNSEL

ATTEST:
JENNIFER BURNS, CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____

BY: _____

[PARTY SIGNATURES MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED]

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To: Board of Supervisors

Date: June 28, 2013

From: Melinda Aiello, Chief Assistant District Attorney
(Department Head - please type)

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Phone Ext. 453

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Meeting Date Requested:	
<u>9</u> <u>07/23/13</u>	

Department Head Signature _____

Agenda Title: Request for approval of the Resolution for the Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Grant Application for fiscal year 2013-2014

Summary: (Provide detailed summary of the purpose of this item; attach additional page if necessary)
Request for approval of the Resolution for the Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Grant Application for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Recommendation/Requested Action:
Approve Resolution for the Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Grant Application for the District Attorney's Office

Fiscal Impacts (attach budget transfer form if appropriate) N/A (already budgeted)

Staffing Impacts N/A

Is a 4/5ths vote required? Yes No

Committee Review? N/A

Name _____

Committee Recommendation: _____

Contract Attached:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution Attached:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance Attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: _____			

Request Reviewed by:

Chairman *[Signature]* Counsel *GG*

Auditor _____ GSA Director *HP*

CAO *[Signature]* Risk Management _____

Distribution Instructions: (Inter-Departmental Only, the requesting Department is responsible for distribution outside County Departments)
Please return (2) certified copies to Kim Holland at the District Attorney's Office

FOR CLERK USE ONLY

Meeting Date July 9, 2013 Time 9 a.m. Item # 3C

Board Action: Approved Yes ___ No ___ Unanimous Vote: Yes ___ No ___

Ayes: _____ Resolution _____ Ordinance _____ Other: _____

Noes: _____ Resolution _____ Ordinance _____

Absent: _____ Comments: _____

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Completed by _____	Department _____	
_____	For meeting of _____	
		ATTEST: _____ Clerk or Deputy Board Clerk

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION) RESOLUTION NO. 13-
RELATIVE TO THE LIFE AND ANNUITY)
CONSUMER PROTECTION PROGRAM FOR)
THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR)

WHEREAS the Amador County Board of Supervisors desires to undertake a certain project designated as the Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program funded by funds made available through the California Insurance Code Section 10127.17, and administered by the California Department of Insurance, State of California.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, is authorized to submit the attached grant application to the California Department of Insurance, State of California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of said Board and the District Attorney are hereby authorized to sign and execute said application on behalf of the County of Amador; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chairman of said Board and the District Attorney be and hereby are authorized to sign and execute any and all amendment and extensions to said application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the July 23, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JENNIFER BURNS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
Amador County, California

Deputy

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

**LIFE AND ANNUITY CONSUMER
PROTECTION PROGRAM**

**REQUEST FOR RENEWAL
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**



Submitted by:

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AMADOR COUNTY

708 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642

Tel: (209) 223-6444 Fax: (209) 223-6304

**Amador County Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program
Fiscal Year 2013-14**

ATTACHMENT A

**Application for Annual Grant Funding Award
and Program Contact Form**

Amador County Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program
Fiscal Year 2013-14

ATTACHMENT A

**APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL GRANT FUNDING AWARD
AND PROGRAM CONTACT FORM**

Office of the District Attorney, County of Amador, hereby makes application for funds under the **Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program** pursuant to Section 10127.17 of the Insurance Code.

Grant Period: July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014

Grant Amount Requested: \$10,039

Estimate of Carryover Funds: \$0

Contact Person:

Name: Janelle Crandell, Deputy District Attorney
Address: 708 Court Street
City/Zip: Jackson, CA 95642
Telephone: (209)223-6444
Fax: (209)223-6304
E-mail Address: jcrandell@amadorgov.org

Name of Unit/Division Applying: Amador District Attorney

Unit/Division Supervisor:

Name: Melinda D. Aiello, Chief Assistant District Attorney
Address: 708 Court Street
City/Zip: Jackson, CA 95642
Telephone: (209)223-6444

County District Attorney's Financial Officer

Name: Eugene J. Lowe
Address: 810 Court Street
City/Zip: Jackson, CA 95642
Telephone: (209)223-6357



Signature of Official Authorized to Sign Application



Date Signed

Name: Todd D. Riebe
Title: District Attorney
Telephone: (209)223-6444

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Fiscal Year 2013-14**

ATTACHMENT B

Letter Regarding Board of Supervisors' Resolution



Todd D. Riebe
District Attorney

Criminal Division (209) 223-6444
Investigations Fax: (209) 223-6304
Victim Witness (209) 223-6444
(209) 223-6474
Fax: (209) 223-6480

May 8, 2013

California Department of Insurance
ATTN: Rachelle Gunther, Life & Annuity Program Analyst
45 Fremont Street, 23rd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Gunther:

We are pleased to present our fiscal year 2013-2014 Request for Application for the Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program.

Our Board Resolution is expected to be presented at the Amador County Board of Supervisors meeting on June 11, 2013. We anticipate the Resolution will be signed and returned to our office by July 30, 2013. We will forward an original signed resolution to your office. Should you have any questions you may contact our office at (209)223-6444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janelle Crandell".

Janelle Crandell
Deputy District Attorney

JC:kh

**Amador County Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

RENEWAL REQUEST NARRATIVE

Describe your agency's proposed use of the funds requested and the anticipated results.

The Amador County District Attorney's Office will provide a fully trained and experienced prosecutorial unit specifically for the investigation and prosecution of life insurance and annuity fraud. We are aware that the investigation and prosecution of these cases is difficult due to the fact the victims are frequently impaired in some way and the suspects have misled them, causing confusion in many instances. We will employ a part-time investigator to service the program and a part-time prosecutor to prosecute these cases. Each member of the prosecutorial and investigative unit will be supervised by the Chief Assistant District Attorney. Victims will receive services from a trained Victim-Witness advocate.

Our agency will plan and participate in a significant amount of public outreach in order to develop referral opportunities for our unit. We will take part in numerous public appearances to speak to the senior citizen community about the Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program. Press releases about elder abuse cases will be distributed to media contacts. A goal of our agency is to also schedule and lead training of local law enforcement in recognizing and combating elder life and annuity fraud.

In coordination with the Department of Insurance and the Amador County Senior Center, our fraud unit will plan on organizing and hosting the 2nd annual Amador County Fraud Awareness Seminar. Based on the success of last fiscal year's awareness seminar, we are hoping to reach more members of the community and speak on broader topics concerning fraud in the area.

Our office will continue to participate in mass public events such as festivals, fairs and forums throughout the county. We are already scheduled to attend the Amador County Fair in July. Members of our office will be present at a fair exhibit booth providing information to the community about our office's efforts to combat life insurance and annuity fraud. The Amador County Fair is attended by over 58,000 people over the course of four days. This outreach has been extremely successful in the past in allowing members of our team to personally meet and speak with the public

This upcoming year, our unit plans to create a "Stop Life Insurance and Annuity Fraud" flyer which will be distributed to 100 different businesses and public announcement boards throughout Amador County. This outreach will provide our unit with an efficient economic option to provide information to the surrounding community.

In addition, the District Attorney's Office and the Department of Insurance's Investigation Division will work together to present training seminars and presentations to further the protection of consumers of life insurance and annuity products. Presentations will be made to insurance consumers, insurance licensees and the senior citizen community. The seminars should utilize personnel from the District Attorney's

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Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

Office and the Division and should include information on how to detect, investigate and report suspected life and annuity fraud.

The anticipated result of the Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Unit is to hold accountable those who violate the law, service the victims of their crimes and educate the public about what they can do to report suspected life and annuity fraud and avoid victimization for themselves and their loved ones. We will accomplish these goals through the efforts of unit personnel who investigate, prosecute and conduct public outreach within the target population.

Describe the expertise and relevant experience of personnel who will be involved in the implementation of your agency's proposal.

Janelle Crandell is the prosecutor assigned to the LACPP grant in Amador County. In 2008, she joined the Amador County District Attorney's Office and has prosecuted a wide variety of cases including fraud, economic crimes and general crimes. Ms. Crandell received her Juris Doctorate from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. She holds a B.A. degree in Journalism from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. Ms. Crandell has attended the last two training seminars concerning life insurance and annuity fraud held at the Department of Insurance in 2012 and 2013. Prior to her career with the Amador County District Attorney's Office, Ms. Crandell practiced personal injury civil litigation for five years with a firm in Sacramento.

Noel Dunne is a sworn district attorney investigator for the county of Amador. He has over twenty-two years experience as a sworn peace officer and has investigated a wide range of cases including elder abuse, fraud and financial crimes, sex crimes and homicide. In 2010, Mr. Dunne was selected as the Amador County Peace Officer of the Year. Over the years, Investigator Dunne has received ongoing training in the detection and investigation of financial abuse of elder/dependent adults, as well as the specific laws affecting financial crimes committed against elder/dependent adults. Investigator Dunne also attended the life insurance and annuity fraud training seminar at the Department of Insurance in 2013.

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FORM 1

Budget and Line Item Detail

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL		COST
A. Personnel Services - Salaries/Employee Benefits		
1. Deputy District Attorney III, .03 FTE, (62.6 hours), 3%		
Salary		3,262
Benefits		<u>1,028</u>
		4,290
2. District Attorney Investigator, .02 FTE, (41.8 hours), 2%		
Salary		2,124
Benefits		<u>890</u>
		3,014
3. Legal Assistant, .01 FTE, (20.9 hours), 1%		
Salary		626
Benefits		<u>207</u>
		833
CATEGORY TOTAL		\$ 8,137

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	COST
B. Operating Expenses	
Indirect/Admin. Cost Allocation (10% of personnel salaries excluding benefits)	601
Vehicle Expense (Includes estimated fuel and maintenance costs)	0
Training	0
Outreach	1,000
Office Expenses	0
Witness Fees and Travel Costs	0
Communications	0
Audit	0
Printing	300
Confidential Funds Expenditures	0
Memberships	0
TOTAL	\$ 1,901

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	
C. Equipment	COST
EQUIPMENT CATEGORY TOTAL	\$ -
OPERATING EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 1,901
PERSONNEL TOTAL	\$ 8,137
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$ 10,039

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FORM 2

Case Activity

NAME	CASE #	CDI CASE #	PROSECUTOR	STATUS	DESCRIPTION*
<i>None to Report at this Time</i>					

*Under "Description," provide a brief overview of specific case activity (e.g., number of suspects, fraud type, criminal activity discovered).

**Amador County Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program
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ATTACHMENT C

Renewal Checklist

Amador County Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program
Fiscal Year 2013-14

ATTACHMENT C

RENEWAL CHECKLIST

Proposal Narrative
2 pages

Budget Proposal
3 pages

Application for Annual Grant Funding Award and Program Contact
Form (Attachment A)

Executed Board of Supervisors Resolution (see Attachment B)

Additional Attachments (please specify name of document and number
of pages)

Program Report, 1 page

Expenditure Report, 5 pages

Amador County Facts, 2 pages

**Amador County Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program
Fiscal Year 2013-14**

ATTACHMENT D

Program Report

**Amador County Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

PROGRAM REPORT NARRATIVE

The Amador County Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program (LACPP) is in its second year of collaboration with the California Department of Insurance to address the impact of life insurance and annuity fraud on our community. Amador County has a large retiree and senior population, the primary targets of life insurance and annuity fraud, therefore the goals of our program have been to focus on the development of case referral opportunities and to increase public awareness.

To facilitate these goals we have developed contacts with community agencies that work closely with our senior population. This effort ensures that reports of life insurance and annuity fraud do not go unreported but are routed to our unit for review, investigation and prosecution.

This will be our first year seeking a renewal of the LACPP grant. Although our office has not had the opportunity to investigate or prosecute a life insurance or annuity fraud case, we anticipate new referrals in the upcoming year as a result of our successful outreach program.

In March of this year our unit, in coordination with the Department of Insurance and the Amador County Senior Center, successfully organized and held the first Amador County Fraud Awareness Seminar. The seminar was a one-day event educating the community about various types of fraud and showcased speakers and exhibitions from our office, the Department of Insurance, Health Insurance Care and Advocacy, California Highway Patrol and the Contractors State Licensing Board. Topics included life and annuity fraud, workers' compensation fraud, auto insurance fraud, Medicare fraud and identity theft.

In May of 2013, our office launched an advertising campaign with a local television station, TSPN, which included a posting to TSPN's website's with a link to our District Attorney website, spot posting to TSPN TV's advertiser page, an airtime television commercial and a guest appearance on Amador Live, which entails a question/answer session regarding life insurance and annuity fraud. The television commercial encompasses life insurance and annuity fraud effects on our community as well as promotes our consumer protection program. This commercial will be shown throughout daily programming for a total of two months which will allow us to reach as many as 8,500 households creating greater public awareness.

Each year, our office successfully continues our outreach program by participating in the Amador County Fair. Members of our office are present at a fair exhibit booth providing information to the community about our office's efforts to combat life insurance and annuity fraud. The Amador County Fair is attended by over 58,000 people over the course of four days. This outreach promotes our office's fight against fraud by personally meeting individuals of the community and providing the opportunity to have one on one conversation.

In addition to outreach events, we have made literature on life insurance and annuities fraud available to the public during business hours. In an effort to have information available after business hours we are in discussions with our IT department regarding the addition of the California Department of Insurance video, *Annuities – It's Your Choice*, to our web page so members of the community are able to research the topic at their convenience.

**Amador County Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program
Fiscal Year 2013-14**

ATTACHMENT E

Expenditure Report

12/13

May 8, 2013

JULY 1, 2012 - APRIL 30, 2013

AMADOR

Life and Annuity Consumer Protection Program

California Department of Insurance Grant

Expenditure Report for FY 12/13 (THROUGH APRIL 30, 2013)

	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>	
Personnel Expenses	\$	5,836.00
Operating Expenses	\$	439.50
Equipment Expense	\$	-
	\$	6,275.50

	<u>Revenue for FY 12/13</u>	
carryover from FY 11/12		
interest earned FY 11/12	\$	-
CDI Grant from FY 12/13	\$	9,883.00
Supplemental Funding	\$	-
	\$	9,883.00

Revenue for FY	\$	9,883.00
Expenditures for FY	\$	6,275.50
	\$	3,607.50

JULY 1, 2012 - APRIL 30, 2013

Category	Approved Budget	Current Expend	Total Exp to Date	Balance
Personnel	\$8,019.00	\$5,836.00	\$5,836.00	\$2,183.00
Op Expenses	\$1,864.00	\$439.50	\$439.50	\$1,424.50
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$9,883.00	\$6,275.50	\$6,275.50	\$3,607.50

July 12 - April 13

determine personnel costs charged to grant

Assignment	Staff Person	Rate of Pay (1)	Hours (2)	Total Salary	Benefits		Total Benefit	Benefit Charge
					from benefit sheet	%		
Chief Asst DA	Aiello, Melinda	\$63.29	4.38	\$277.06	17,491.40	\$13.85	\$17,505.25	\$98.09
DA Investigator	Anderson, Mark	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Deputy DA	Bogges, Gabrielle	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legal Secretary	Clark, Kim	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Deputy DA	Crandell, Janelle	\$52.08	32.82	\$1,709.29	4,807.18	\$85.46	\$4,892.64	\$501.81
Supervising Investigator	Dunne, Noel	\$49.84	8.00	\$398.72	3,090.56	\$27.91	\$3,118.47	\$138.60
Legal Secretary	Hayes, Jenny	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legal Assistant	Holland, Kim	\$29.98	42.80	\$1,283.19	7,305.75	\$64.16	\$7,369.91	\$365.10
Deputy DA	Jakovac, Steffanie	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DA Investigator	Martin, Mike	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Finance Technician	Mulford, Nancy	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
District Attorney	Riebe, Todd	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Deputy DA	Rief, Ariel	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chief DA Investigator	Sage, Tom	\$60.05	12.10	\$726.82	10,216.46	\$50.88	\$10,267.34	\$337.46
DA Investigator	Stevens, Gary	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Admin. Legal Secretary	Tonn, Julie	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Deputy DA	Trudgen, Robert	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legal Secretary	Valdez, Estella	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DA Investigator	Walshaw, Jim	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vict Wit Advo/Coord	Ward, Harla	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legal Secretary	Wear, Amber	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Senior Lead Secretary	Wurzburger, Tina	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				<u>\$4,395.07</u>				<u>\$1,441.06</u>
Indirect Cost				\$439.51				
					Salaries		\$4,395.07	
					Benefits		\$1,441.06	
							<u>\$5,836.13</u>	
							<u>\$5,836.00</u>	

Indirect Cost \$439.51

Salaries \$4,395.07
Benefits \$1,441.06
\$5,836.13
\$5,836.00

Charge to Grant

Notes:

1. Information from Audit Department Payroll Sheets
2. Information from Worksheet A

JULY 1, 2012 - APRIL 30, 2013

determine operating expenses charged to grant for period

Operating Expenses	
Audit	\$0.00
Indirect Costs	\$439.51
Confidential Funds	\$0.00
Training	\$0.00
Office Expenses	\$0.00
Outreach	\$0.00
Membership	\$0.00
Printing	\$0.00
Law Books	\$0.00
Witness Expenses	\$0.00
Vehicle Rental	\$0.00
Communications	\$0.00
Professional Services	\$0.00
	<u>\$439.51</u>
	<u><u>\$439.51</u></u>
Operating Expenses	<u>\$439.51</u>
Charge to Grant	\$439.50

JULY 1, 2012 - APRIL 30, 2013

determine equipment costs charged to grant for period

Date	Item	Amount	County ID#	Source
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\$0.00

Equipment	<u>\$0.00</u>
Charge to Grant	<u>\$0.00</u>

State & County QuickFacts

Amador County, California

People QuickFacts	Amador	
	County	California
Population, 2012 estimate	37,035	38,041,430
Population, 2010 (April 1) estimates base	38,091	37,253,956
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012	-2.8%	2.1%
Population, 2010	38,091	37,253,956
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2011	3.7%	6.7%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2011	16.4%	24.6%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2011	21.5%	11.7%
Female persons, percent, 2011	45.6%	50.3%
White persons, percent, 2011 (a)	90.4%	74.0%
Black persons, percent, 2011 (a)	2.8%	6.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2011 (a)	2.1%	1.7%
Asian persons, percent, 2011 (a)	1.3%	13.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander persons, percent, 2011 (a)	0.2%	0.5%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2011	3.2%	3.6%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino Origin, percent, 2011 (b)	12.9%	38.1%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2011	79.3%	39.7%
Living in same house 1 year & over, percent, 2007-2011	85.9%	84.2%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2007-2011	5.8%	27.2%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent age 5+, 2007-2011	8.1%	43.2%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2007-2011	87.3%	80.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2007-2011	18.8%	30.2%
Veterans, 2007-2011	5,210	1,997,566
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2007-2011	28.3	27.0
Housing units, 2011	18,115	13,720,462
Homeownership rate, 2007-2011	78.5%	56.7%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2007-2011	7.5%	30.8%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2007-2011	\$318,400	\$421,600
Households, 2007-2011	14,283	12,433,172
Persons per household, 2007-2011	2.35	2.91
Per capita money income in the past 12 months (2011 dollars), 2007-2011	\$28,030	\$29,634
Median household income, 2007-2011	\$56,180	\$61,632
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2007-2011	10.0%	14.4%
Business QuickFacts	Amador	
	County	California
Private nonfarm establishments, 2010	781	849,875 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, 2010	7,837	12,536,402 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, percent change, 2000-2010	6.2	-2.7 ¹
Nonemployer establishments, 2010	2,729	2,814,409
Total number of firms, 2007	3,491	3,425,510
Black-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	4.0%
American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	1.3%
Asian-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	14.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	0.3%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	16.5%

Women-owned firms, percent, 2007	23.0%	30.3%
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Manufacturers shipments, 2007 (\$1000)	142,958	491,372,092
Merchant wholesaler sales, 2007 (\$1000)	D	598,456,486
Retail sales, 2007 (\$1000)	1,800,754	455,032,270
Retail sales per capita, 2007	\$46,797	\$12,561
Accommodation and food services sales, 2007 (\$1000)	61,202	80,852,787
Building permits, 2011	80	45,471
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Geography QuickFacts	Amador County	California
Land area in square miles, 2010	594.58	155,779.22
Persons per square mile, 2010	64.1	239.1
FIPS Code	005	06
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	None	

1: Includes data not distributed by county.

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race.

(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.

D: Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information

F: Fewer than 100 firms

FN: Footnote on this item for this area in place of data

NA: Not available

S: Suppressed; does not meet publication standards

X: Not applicable

Z: Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown

Source U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts. Data derived from Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits, Consolidated Federal Funds Report
Last Revised: Monday, 11-Mar-2013 14:09:37 EDT

AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM

To: **Board of Supervisors**

Date: June 28, 2013

From: Melinda Aiello, Chief Assistant District Attorney
(Department Head - please type)

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Phone Ext. 453

<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Agenda
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue Slip
<input type="checkbox"/>	Closed Session
Meeting Date Requested:	
<u>9</u> <u>07/23/13</u>	

Department Head Signature *T. D. Riley*

Agenda Title: Request for approval of the Resolution for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Grant Application for fiscal year 2013-2014

Summary: (Provide detailed summary of the purpose of this item; attach additional page if necessary)
Request for approval of the Resolution for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Grant Application for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Recommendation/Requested Action:
Approve Resolution for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Grant Application for the District Attorney's Office

Fiscal Impacts (attach budget transfer form if appropriate) N/A (already budgeted) Staffing Impacts N/A

<p>Is a 4/5ths vote required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Committee Review? N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Committee Recommendation: _____</p>	<p>Contract Attached: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Resolution Attached: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Ordinance Attached Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Comments: _____</p>
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Request Reviewed by:

Chairman *[Signature]* Counsel *GG*

Auditor _____ GSA Director *[Signature]*

CAO *[Signature]* Risk Management _____

Distribution Instructions: (Inter-Departmental Only, the requesting Department is responsible for distribution outside County Departments)

Please return (2) certified copies to Kim Holland at the District Attorney's Office

FOR CLERK USE ONLY

Meeting Date <u>July 9, 2013</u>	Time <u>9 a.m.</u>	Item # <u>3D</u>
Board Action: Approved Yes ___ No ___	Unanimous Vote: Yes ___ No ___	
Ayes: _____	Resolution _____	Ordinance _____
Noes _____	Resolution _____	Ordinance _____
Absent: _____	Comments: _____	

Distributed on _____	A new ATF is required from _____	I hereby certify this is a true and correct copy of action(s) taken and entered into the official records of the Amador County Board of Supervisors.
Completed by _____	Department _____ For meeting _____ of _____	
		ATTEST: _____ Clerk or Deputy Board Clerk

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION) RESOLUTION NO. 13-
RELATIVE TO THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE)
FRAUD PROGRAM FOR THE 2013-2014)
FISCAL YEAR)

WHEREAS the Amador County Board of Supervisors desires to undertake a certain project designated as the Amador County Automobile Insurance Fraud Program to be funded by funds made available through the Automobile-California Insurance Code Section 1872.8, California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 2698.60 and administered by the California Department of Insurance, State of California.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors has authorized the District Attorney of Amador County to submit the attached grant application to the California Department of Insurance, State of California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of said Board and the District Attorney are hereby authorized to sign and execute said application on behalf of the County of Amador; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chairman of said Board and the District Attorney be and hereby are authorized to sign and execute any and all amendment and extensions to said application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the July 23, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JENNIFER BURNS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
Amador County, California

Deputy

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
FRAUD DIVISION**

**AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE
FRAUD PROGRAM**

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**



Submitted by:

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AMADOR COUNTY

708 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642

Tel: (209) 223-6444 Fax: (209) 223-6304

**Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

FORM 01

**AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD
INVESTIGATION/PROSECUTION PROGRAMS
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

**Grant Application
Checklist and Sequence**

The Request for Application MUST include the following:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Is the Grant Application Transmittal sheet completed and signed by the District Attorney? (Form 02)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Table of Contents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the Program Contact Form completed? (Form 03)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Is an original or certified copy of the Board Resolution included? If NOT, the cover letter must indicate the submission date. (Form 04)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. The County Plan includes:		
a) County Plan Qualifications (Form 05)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Staff Qualifications (Form 06(a))	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Organization Chart (Form 06(b))	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Program Report (Form 07)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) County Plan Problem Statement (Form 08)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) County Plan Program Strategy (Form 09)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the projected Budget included? (Form 10, 11, 12)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a) Line-item totals are verified?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is the Equipment Log completed and signed? (Form 13)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Joint Plan (Attachment A)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Case Descriptions (Attachment B)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2013-2014

FORM 02

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
GRANT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

The Office of the District Attorney, County of Amador, hereby makes application for funds under the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program pursuant to Section 1872.8 of the California Insurance Code.

Contact: Melinda D. Aiello, Chief Assistant District Attorney
Address: 708 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642

Telephone: (209) 223-6453

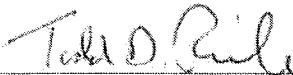
Automobile Insurance Fraud
(1) Program Title

July 01, 2013 to June 30, 2014
(2) Grant Period

(3) New Funds Being Requested: \$81,365
(4) Estimated Carry-Over Funds: \$ 0

Todd D. Riebe, District Attorney
(5) Program Director

Eugene J. Lowe, County Auditor
(6) Financial Officer



(7) District Attorney's Signature

Name: Todd D. Riebe
Title: District Attorney
County: Amador
Address: 708 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642
Telephone: (209) 223-6453
Date: June 24, 2013

**Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

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**Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

FORM 03

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
PROGRAM CONTACT FORM**

1. *Provide the name, title, address and telephone number for the person having day-to-day operational responsibility for the program, and who can be contacted with questions regarding the program.*

Name: Melinda D. Aiello
Title: Chief Assistant District Attorney
Address: 708 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642
E-mail: maiello@amadorgov.org
Telephone: (209) 223-6453 Fax: (209) 223-6304

2. *Provide the name, title, address and telephone number for the District Attorney's Financial Officer.*

Name: Eugene J. Lowe
Title: Amador Count Auditor-Controller
Address: 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642
E-mail: jlowe@amadorgov.org
Telephone: (209) 223-6357 Fax: (209) 223-6721

3. *Provide the name, title, address and telephone number for the person who may be contacted for questions regarding data collection/reporting for the applicant agency (Optional).*

Name: Kim Holland
Title: Legal Assistant
Address: 708 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642
E-mail: kholland@amadorgov.org
Telephone: (209) 223-6760 Fax: (209) 223-6304

**Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

FORM 04

**REPLACE PAGE W/
BOARD RESOLUTION**

OR

COVER LETTER INDICATING SUBMISSION DATE



Todd D. Riebe
District Attorney

Criminal Division (209) 223-6444
Investigations Fax: (209) 223-6304
Victim Witness (209) 223-6444
(209) 223-6474
Fax: (209) 223-6480

June 21, 2013

California Department of Insurance
Fraud Division, Local Assistance Programs
ATTN: Dolores Rodriguez, Program Analyst
9342 Tech Center Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95826

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

We are pleased to present our fiscal year 2013-2014 Request for Application for the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program.

Our Board Resolution is expected to be presented at the Amador County Board of Supervisors meeting on July 16, 2013. We anticipate the Resolution will be signed and returned to our office by August 22, 2013. We will forward an original signed resolution to your office. Should you have any questions you may contact our office at (209)223-6444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janelle Crandell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Janelle Crandell
Deputy District Attorney

JC:kh

**Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

FORM 05

**AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD
COUNTY PLAN QUALIFICATIONS**

Answer the following questions to describe your experience in investigating and prosecuting automobile insurance fraud cases during the last two (2) fiscal years as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 2698.60.

1. *What areas of your Automobile Insurance Fraud operation were successful and why?*

As we begin our seventeenth year of participation in the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program, we remain committed to deterring automobile insurance fraud. During the past two fiscal years, we have investigated forty-six (46) defendants resulting in thirty-nine (39) convictions. Additionally, we have obtained prison sentences in eighteen (18) cases and restitution orders of \$74,737.23.

Coordinating Multi-Agency Investigations

Our dual county program investigates and prosecutes those who commit automobile insurance fraud in both Amador and Calaveras counties. Our office participated in numerous investigations involving vehicle thefts, VIN switch cases, chop shops, embezzlement and auto body repair fraud. Throughout these investigations, our unit worked with several state and county agencies including the California Department of Insurance, Fraud Division, the California Highway Patrol, Bureau of Automotive Repairs and local law enforcement. In addition, our grant funding has allowed us to assist local law enforcement agencies with in-depth investigations on recovered stolen and abandoned vehicles, which often lead to insurance fraud cases.

Public Outreach

We continue to promote our anti-fraud outreach programs with success. Outreach and training is directed to public, private and government entities throughout Amador and Calaveras counties. Our efforts to further cost effective outreach have been successful through our attendance in public events, the use of press releases and employer outreach programs.

Criminal Convictions

Below are some examples of our accomplishments in prosecuting automobile fraud during the last two fiscal years:

People v. Marcela Vaca – Calaveras County, Applicant Fraud

This matter was investigated by the Department of Insurance and involves a Defendant who was involved in a traffic collision and abandoned the scene. The Defendant later reported the vehicle stolen to the California Highway Patrol and denied being in the collision. Defendant then filed a claim with her insurance company claiming the vehicle had been stolen and provided a false recorded statement in support of the claim. The Defendant pled to a misdemeanor count of PC 550(a)(1). She was sentenced to 3 years probation, 30 days, restitution in the amount of \$18,487.49, investigative costs in the amount of \$1,813.00 and standard court fines/fees.

**Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

People v. Juan Zarate - Calaveras County, Applicant Fraud

This matter was investigated by the Department of Insurance and involves a Defendant who presented misrepresentations to his insurance carrier in support of a damaged motorcycle claim. Defendant made numerous recorded statements falsely identifying a male as the person who struck and damaged his motorcycle. Our office filed three misdemeanor counts of insurance fraud. The Defendant pled to PC 550(b)(1) and was sentenced to 30 days, 3 years probation, restitution to be determined and standard court fines/fees.

People v. Mary Bristow – Amador County, Economic Auto Theft

While being taken into custody for an unrelated offense, Defendant managed to steal a Jackson Police Department police car and lead officers on a chase until apprehended. Defendant was convicted of auto theft, a violation of VC10851(a), a felony. Defendant was sentenced to 180 days jail, four years formal probation, search and seizure terms, drug/alcohol and mental health counseling and ordered to pay \$23,107.39 in restitution.

People v. Larry Robbins – Calaveras County, Auto Body Repair Facility Fraud

During a multi-agency sweep of repair facilities, investigators from our office, the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Bureau of Automotive Repair discovered that the Defendant was defrauding both customers and their insurance companies. Defendant was charging insurance companies for auto parts which were never used or labor that was not performed. The investigation resulted in the filing of a thirty-seven count complaint in Calaveras County Superior Court which included charges of grand theft, insurance fraud, obtaining money by false pretenses and elder abuse. Defendant was convicted of insurance fraud, a violation of PC550(b)(3), a felony. Defendant was sentenced to three years formal probation, 80 hours of community service, surrender of his BAR license and was ordered to pay \$28,654.35 in restitution and investigative costs.

2. *Specify what unfunded contributions (e.g., financial, equipment, personnel, and technology) and support your county provided to the automobile insurance fraud program.*

Throughout the year, non-grant funded staff members, investigators and attorneys are assigned to assist the automobile insurance fraud program on an as-needed basis. For example, non-grant funded district attorney investigators assist in serving search warrants, arrest warrants, and forensic analysis in complex cases. Non-grant funded office staff also assist the insurance fraud program by obtaining court documents, locating archived files and issuing subpoenas for witnesses. The Amador County District Attorney's Office also provides specialized equipment for investigations, and other safety equipment including police radios and bulletproof vests.

3. *Detail and explain the turnover or continuity of personnel assigned to your automobile insurance fraud program. Include any rotational polices your county may have.*

Turnover and Rotational Policy

In order to maintain the continuity of this grant program, our office does not impose a rotation policy.

Personnel Assigned to the Program

Deputy District Attorney Janelle Crandell prosecutes automobile insurance fraud in both Calaveras County and Amador County. In 2008, she joined the Amador County District

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Attorney's Office and has prosecuted a wide variety of cases including fraud, economic crimes, and general crimes. Ms. Crandell received her Juris Doctorate from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. She holds a B.A. degree in Journalism from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. Ms. Crandell was assigned as the full time prosecutor for the program following the loss of Deputy District Attorney Bill Houle. Prior to her career with the Amador County District Attorney's Office, Ms. Crandell practiced civil litigation for five years with a firm in Sacramento.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Melinda Aiello joined the Amador County District Attorney's Office in April 2002. Ms. Aiello previously spent five years with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office handling a wide variety of cases including child molestation, sexual assault, domestic violence, and habitual criminal cases. In January 2007, Ms. Aiello was appointed Chief Assistant District Attorney and oversees the day-to-day operations of the entire office.

Chief District Attorney Investigator Tom Sage is a sworn district attorney investigator in Amador and Calaveras counties. He has over twenty years experience as a peace officer and has investigated a wide range of cases including fraud, sex crimes and homicide. Mr. Sage is the current secretary for the California District Attorney Investigators' Association and a graduate of the FBI National Academy. In 2008, Mr. Sage was selected as the Amador County Peace Officer of the Year.

District Attorney Investigator Mike Martin is a sworn district attorney investigator in Amador and Calaveras counties. He has been a peace officer for nineteen years and has investigated a wide range of cases including fraud, sex crimes and homicide. Mr. Martin has been a member of the California Financial Crimes Investigators Association and the Northern California Fraud Investigators Association.

Kim Holland has worked with the Amador County District Attorney's Office since November 2002 as a Legal Secretary and promoted to Legal Assistant in February 2007. Ms Holland has assisted the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program since February 2006. She is a certified paralegal with advanced training on evidence presentation and courtroom exhibits.

Jennifer Hayes has worked with District Attorney's Office as a Legal Secretary since December 2001. Ms. Hayes returned to the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program as a legal secretary in 2013 and works closely with each county to track the Automobile Insurance Fraud fines and restitution both ordered and paid.

4. *List the governmental agencies you have worked with to develop potential automobile insurance fraud cases.*

Our program maintains a strong working relationship with several state and county agencies including the California Department of Insurance Fraud Division, the California Highway Patrol, and local law enforcement, in order to develop automobile insurance fraud referrals. Our district attorney investigator also has established a good working relationship with personnel from insurance company Special Investigations Units (SIU) to facilitate sharing timely information between the agencies. Additionally, we work with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) and the following:

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State Agencies

California Department of Insurance
California Department of Motor Vehicles
California Highway Patrol
California Department of Justice
California Fish and Game Department
California Parks and Recreation Department
California Bureau of Automotive Repairs
California Department of Consumer Affairs
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Local Agencies

Amador County Sheriff's Office
Jackson Police Department
Ione Police Department
Sutter Creek Police Department
Calaveras County Sheriff's Office
Angels Camp Police Department

5. *Was there a distribution of frozen assets in the current reporting period? If yes, please describe. If no, state none.*

None.

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FORM 06(a)

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

List the name of the program's prosecutor(s) and investigator(s). Include position titles and percentages for any vacant positions to be filled. For each, list:

1. List the percentage of time devoted to the program.
2. How long have the prosecutor(s)/investigator(s) been with the program?

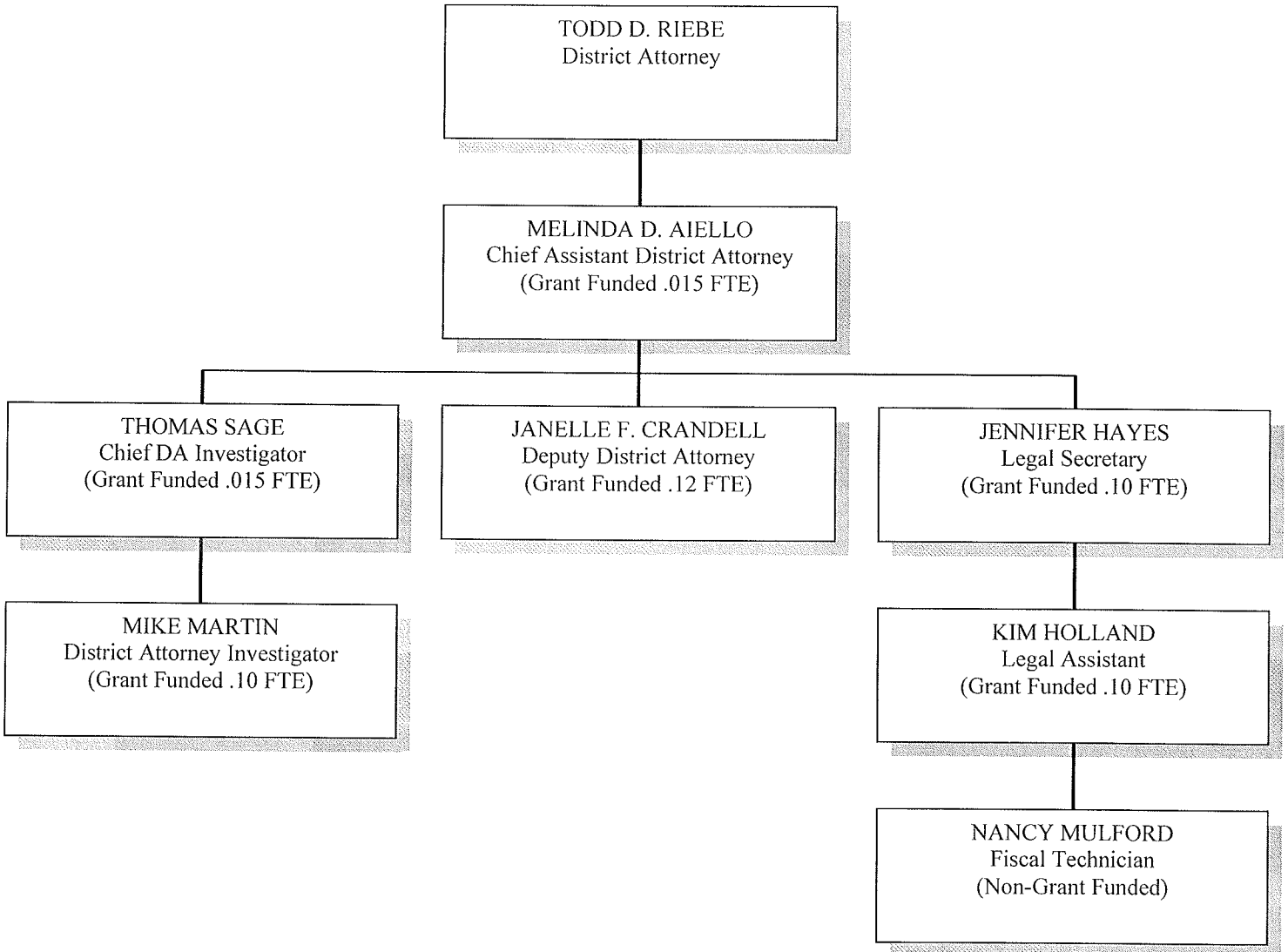
Prosecutor	% Time	Time With Program Start date/End date
Janelle F. Crandell	12%	2 yrs., July '11 to Present

Investigators	% Time	Time With Program Start date/End date
Thomas Sage	1.5%	2 yrs., July '11 to Present
Mike Martin	10%	April '13 to Present

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FORM 06(b)

ORGANIZATION CHART
AMADOR COUNTY
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FORM 07

PROGRAM REPORT

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE - FRAUD DIVISION
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM**

Submitted: 06/21/13

Version #: 1

FISCAL YEAR: 2012-13 From (7/1/12 to 06/15/13)

PROGRAM REPORT FOR: **AMADOR** COUNTY

I. Number of Suspected Fraud Claims
Reviewed from 7/1/12 through 06/15/13 **24**

II. DOCUMENTED CASE REFERRALS SOURCES	PENDING	ACCEPTED	REJECTED	APPLICANT CASES	NON-APPLICANT CASES
A. CDI - Fraud Division	2			2	
B. Private Carrier					
C. Local Law Enforcement	3	17	1	21	
D. Third Party Administrator					
E. Others		1		1	
F. Total (A-E)	5	18	1	24	0

III. INVESTIGATIONS - PRE FILING DECISIONS	CASES	SUSPECTS
A. Number of cases and suspects carried forward on 6/30/12 to FY 12/13	20	25
B. Number of NEW cases and suspects initiated from 7/1/12 through 06/15/13	24	30
C. Total Cases/Suspect (A+B)	44	55
1. Declinations - Rejections	7	10
2. Number of CDI Joint Investigations (from A & B)	2	2
D. Investigative Assist(s)		
1. Number TO outside agency	1	2
2. Number FROM an outside agency		
E. Number of unassisted investigations by District Attorney		

III. INVESTIGATIONS - PRE FILING DECISIONS CONTINUED

Case Investigations by F. Categories and Complexities	STANDARD	MEDIUM	COMPLEX	VERY COMPLEX	TOTAL CASES
1. Applicant Fraud	7				7
2. Fraud Ring					
3. Staged Accident					
4. Capping					
5. Medical Provider Fraud					
6. Insider Fraud					
7. Economic Car Theft	28	6		1	35
8. Legal Office Fraud					
9. Other	2				2
Total (1-9)	37	6		1	44

IV. ARRESTS THIS REPORTING PERIOD	CASES	DEFENDANTS
A. Arrests by District Attorney - Felony		
B. Arrests by CDI - Felony		
C. Arrest by joint effort CDI / DA - Felony		
D. Arrest by other - Felony	12	16
E. Total (A - D) - Felony	12	16
F. Arrests by District Attorney - Misdemeanor		
G. Arrests by CDI - Misdemeanor		
H. Arrest by joint effort CDI / DA - Misdemeanor		
I. Arrest by other -Misdemeanor		
J. Total (F- I) - Misdemeanor	0	0
K. Total (E+J) - Felonies and Misdemeanors	12	16

V. CASES IN COURT							
A. Cases carried forward on 6/30/12 to FY 12/13 by Categories and Complexities	STANDARD	MEDIUM	COMPLEX	VERY COMPLEX	TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEFENDANTS	TOTAL CHARGEABLE FRAUD (in dollars)
1. Applicant Fraud	2				2	2	\$20,000
2. Fraud Ring							
3. Staged Accident							
4. Capping							
5. Medical Provider Fraud							
6. Insider Fraud							
7. Economic Car Theft	10	3			13	14	\$5,500
8. Legal Office Fraud							
9. Other							

V. CASES IN COURT (CONTINUED)

B. New Case filings/indictments initiated 7/1/12 through 06/15/13 by Categories and Complexities	STANDARD	MEDIUM	COMPLEX	VERY COMPLEX	TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEFENDANTS	TOTAL CHARGEABLE FRAUD (in dollars)
1. Applicant Fraud							
2. Fraud Ring							
3. Staged Accident							
4. Capping							
5. Medical Provider Fraud							
6. Insider Fraud							
7. Economic Car Theft	11	3		1	15	19	
8. Legal Office Fraud							
9. Other	1				1	1	
C. Total Cases in Court - Categories and Complexities (A+B)	STANDARD	MEDIUM	COMPLEX	VERY COMPLEX	TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEFENDANTS	TOTAL CHARGEABLE FRAUD (in dollars)
1. Applicant Fraud	2				2	2	\$20,000
2. Fraud Ring							
3. Staged Accident							
4. Capping							
5. Medical Provider Fraud							
6. Insider Fraud							
7. Economic Car Theft	21	6		1	28	33	\$5,500
8. Legal Office Fraud							
9. Other	1				1	1	
10. Total Cases in Court from (C)	24	6		1	31	36	\$25,500

V. CASES IN COURT (CONTINUED)

D. TOTAL CASES BY FILING CLASSIFICATION	CASES	DEFENDANTS
1. Felony Cases from (C)	29	34
2. Misdemeanor Cases from (C)	3	3
3. Civil Cases from (C)		

E. COURT PROCEEDINGS	CASES	DEFENDANTS	MOTIONS / HEARINGS
1. Number of Preliminary Hearings	1	2	
2. Number Held to Answer	1	2	
3. Number of Grand Jury Indictments			
4. Number of Motions requiring a response			13
5. Number of Court Hearings			177

VI. FELONY DISPOSITIONS	CASES	DEFENDANTS
A. Convictions	11	14
1. Pled Guilty / No Contest	11	14
2. Number of Convictions by Trial		
B. Sentences		
1. State Prison Imposed		10
2. County Jail Imposed		3
3. Probation, no Jail Imposed		1
C. Reduction to Misdemeanor		5
D. Municipal Court Dismissals		
E. Superior Court Dismissals		1
	AMOUNT ORDERED	AMOUNT COLLECTED *
F. Amount of Fines & Penalty Assessments	\$11,284	
G. Amount of Restitution	\$3,501	\$5,000

*Amount collected from all cases during the fiscal year.

VII. MISDEMEANOR - DISPOSITIONS	CASES	DEFENDANTS
A. Convictions	7	8
1. Pled Guilty / No Contest	7	8
2. Convicted by Trial		
B. Sentences		
1. County Jail Imposed		3
2. Probation, no Jail Imposed		5
C. Dismissals		
	AMOUNT ORDERED	AMOUNT COLLECTED *
D. Amount of Fines & Penalty Assessments	\$824	
E. Amount of Restitution	\$20,300	

VIII. CIVIL CASES	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER OF JUDGMENTS
A. Cases carried forward on 6/30/12 to FY 12/13		
B. New Cases filed this reporting period from 7/1/12 through 06/15/13		
C. Total Cases (A+B)		
D. Cases Concluded this reporting period.		
E. Judgments	AMOUNT ORDERED	AMOUNT COLLECTED*
1. Restitution		
2. Fines and Penalties		
3. Costs		

IX. SEARCH WARRANTS	NUMBER	SUSPECTS	LOCATIONS
A. Total Search Warrants Issued			
B. Special Master Search Warrants			

X. OUTREACH TRAINING	NUMBER		
A. Number of training sessions	2		
B. Total Number of trainees	540		

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Calaveras Superior				24						
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Amador Superior			18							
Amador Superior			180						\$939	
Calaveras Superior	20000			36	240				\$20,300	
Amador Superior				36						
Amador Superior		90		36						
Amador Superior			24							\$827
Amador Superior			40							

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FORM 08

**COUNTY PLAN
PROBLEM STATEMENT**

- 1. Please describe the types and magnitude of automobile insurance fraud (e.g., applicant, staged collisions, insider fraud, insurer fraud, economic vehicle theft, fraud ring, and capping) relative to the extent of the problem specific to your county. Please use local data or other evidence to support your description.*

Amador County is a small rural community with a population of nearly 40,000 that covers an area of 568 square miles in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It is located approximately 45 miles southeast of Sacramento sharing borders with metropolitan Sacramento and San Joaquin counties.

Calaveras County is also a small rural community with a population of approximately 47,000, covering 1,020 square miles. It is located approximately 35 miles east of Stockton sharing borders with San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne counties.

Applicant Fraud

Over the last fiscal year, our unit has witnessed an increase in the amount of applicant fraud within our two counties. The vast remote and wooded sections of our counties provide opportunities for deceitful owners to hide vehicles, report them stolen and generate fraudulent insurance claims. In addition, we have investigated numerous cases involving claimants misrepresenting facts to their insurance companies in support of damage and vehicle accident claims. The above fraud often occurs when the vehicle owner is suffering a financial crisis and can no longer afford to make the payments on the vehicle and mistakenly believes the insurance company is better able to absorb the economic loss.

Economic Vehicle Theft

We continue to prosecute dozens of economic vehicle theft cases involving criminal defendants who reside in the neighboring counties of Sacramento and San Joaquin but bring stolen vehicles into Amador and Calaveras counties. In some cases, the stolen vehicles are stripped of their parts and abandoned. Amador County is home to the Jackson Rancheria Hotel and Casino, which due to our close proximity to both Sacramento and Stockton metropolitan areas, draws both a large number of tourists and an increased criminal element to our community.

In addition, the signing of Assembly Bill AB 109 has created an increase in the number of probationers and early-release felons on the streets of our counties. As a result, Amador and Calaveras counties are noticing an increase in property crimes such as automobile thefts. Under Realignment, newly-convicted low-level offenders without current or prior serious or violent offenses stay in county jail to serve their sentence. This has led to jail overcrowding and insufficient resources causing criminals to be released early from incarceration or placed on supervision entirely. The increase of offenders in the community can be largely to blame for the increase in criminal activity.

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Fraud by Auto Body Repair Facilities

There are over 2,000 private businesses within Amador and Calaveras counties. In addition, the area is home to a large community of retirees and senior citizens. This seems to be based on the historic features of the community and its slower pace of life coupled with a number of golf course communities in the area. Based on these demographics, there is a pattern of fraud committed by auto body repair facilities taking advantage of seniors. We have investigated and prosecuted auto body repair facilities for installing used parts while billing for new parts. In addition, we have investigated and prosecuted cases where repair facilities have billed for work not performed or for work performed outside the terms of the agreed estimate.

Due to the declining economy, we anticipate more people will consider defrauding the insurance system. Although our counties remain largely agriculture and tourist based, we continue to experience an increase in all types of fraud, including those fraud schemes that are prevalent in large metropolitan cities and result in rising costs to consumers.

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FORM 09

**COUNTY PLAN
PROGRAM STRATEGY**

1. *Explain how your county plans to resolve the problem stated in your problem statement. Include improvements in your program.*

With sixteen (16) years of experience, the Amador County District Attorney's Office has an established record of successful insurance fraud prosecutions. Our fraud unit uses comprehensive investigative techniques to combat the problems of insurance fraud in both Amador and Calaveras counties.

Case Development

In order to resolve the stated problems we will work closely with the California Department of Insurance, Fraud Division to develop a balanced caseload. On every joint investigation, our attorney will meet with investigators from the Fraud Division early in the investigation to develop an effective action plan and identify the amount and type of evidence necessary for a criminal prosecution. The same prosecutor will remain connected to the investigation and any subsequent court hearings.

Through regular meetings with the Fraud Division, we will openly assess every active investigation and discuss what has worked as well as what remains unresolved. For specific terms, please see our joint plan for the use of investigative resources in Attachment A.

Prioritizing High-Profile Cases

During case review, we will prioritize high profile and high-impact insurance fraud cases. Our most experienced investigator is assigned to these cases. In order to maintain efficiency, the assigned prosecutor is involved early in the investigative stage. We also offer assistance to local law enforcement agencies in high-profile cases.

Referral Sources

Our office will continue to initiate contact with representatives of insurance companies to inform them of our multi-county program and to facilitate the reporting of fraud referrals. We have contacts with: Allstate, AIG, Bristol West, CSAA (AAA Northern CA), Encompass Home & Auto, Esurance, Farmers, GEICO, GMAC, ICW Group, Liberty Mutual, Met Life, Nationwide, Progressive, Safeco, Hartford, Sentry, State Farm, USAA, and Zurich.

Effective Public Outreach

Based on the expansive area of our region, our fraud unit will continue to create new avenues of communication through cost effective outreach and training in order to reach members in our community. To create public awareness we will develop an outreach plan that will include our presence at mass public events such as festivals, fairs and forums, as well as develop training relationships with city groups, businesses and organizations. We will also continue to meet with and train law enforcement regarding our program.

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2. *What are your plans to meet any announced goals of the Insurance Commissioner? If these goals are not realistic for your county, please state why they are not, and what goals you can achieve? What is your strategic plan to accomplish the goals?*

Balanced Effort and Identifying High Impact Cases

We will continue to identify fraud cases that affect public safety and have the greatest impact on the insurance fraud system. When possible, we will give priority to cases that have the greatest economic impact and provide the largest deterrent effect. We will also attempt to maintain a balanced caseload of different types of insurance fraud. We will contact and advise the local media of the high profile cases to maximize public awareness. We will continue to keep law enforcement agencies in Calaveras and Amador counties informed as to changes in the law and will provide assistance in investigating and reporting new cases.

Quality Working Relationships

Over the last number of years, we have established and maintained a close working relationship with the Department of Insurance, Fraud Division. The benefits of this relationship include regular and straightforward communication, efficient use of resources and a greater probability for overall success of our joint efforts. These strong relationships have allowed us to collaborate and participate in joint undercover operations. As a result, most of our fraud convictions are cases that were investigated with the Fraud Division using a team concept.

Performance and Continuity

We consistently achieve noteworthy criminal convictions and we are actively involved in statewide insurance fraud issues. To maintain continuity our program does not impose a rotational policy. In the upcoming year, it is our goal to increase the number of arrests and convictions achieved throughout both counties. In addition, our unit would like to focus on felony convictions associated with high impact cases.

Cost-Effective Outreach

Based on the expansive area of our two counties, our fraud unit must continue to create new avenues of communication through cost effective outreach and training in order to reach members in our communities. Our goal is to develop an outreach plan that will include our presence at mass public events such as festivals, fairs and forums, as well as develop training relationships with city groups, businesses and organizations and special investigative units.

3. *What goals do you have that require more than a single year to accomplish?*

We will work with investigators from the Department of Insurance, Fraud Division to investigate businesses suspected of assisting or generating fraudulent and or exaggerated insurance claims. Our unit will also continue to focus on the prosecution of high profile insurance fraud cases such as VIN switch cases, chop shops, embezzlement and auto body repair fraud. These in-depth investigations will likely require more than one year to accomplish due to search warrants, undercover operations and extensive surveillance.

In addition, our office will be developing creative ideas to further meet outreach goals. We are planning to reach out to city groups, businesses and organizations and special investigative units. Our goal is to establish strong relationships in order to develop training and referral opportunities

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for our fraud unit. We will introduce our unit to new members of the community and provide our services through education and personal connections.

4a. List the training received by each county staff member in the automobile fraud unit during the fiscal years 2011-2012 and the 2012-2013.

In addition to the seminars listed below our staff regularly attend various POST-certified law enforcement training classes and CDAA Insurance Fraud committee meetings.

FY 2012-13

Northern California Fraud Investigators Association Annual Conference

March 27-29, 2013

District Attorney Investigator Mike Martin

California Department of Insurance, Request for Application Information Session

March 13, 2013

Chief Assistant District Attorney Melinda Aiello

Deputy District Attorney Janelle Crandell

California District Attorneys Association, Criminal Grand Jury Seminar

April 24, 2013

Deputy District Attorney Janelle Crandell

FY 2011-12

California Department of Insurance, Insurance Fraud Grant Workshop

September 27, 2011

Deputy District Attorney Janelle Crandell

Legal Assistant Kim Holland

California District Attorneys Association, Insurance Fraud Seminar

November 1-4, 2011

Deputy District Attorney Janelle Crandell

California Department of Insurance, Request for Application Information Session

March 14, 2012

Chief Assistant District Attorney Melinda Aiello

Legal Assistant Kim Holland

Northern California Fraud Investigators Association Annual Conference

April 4-6, 2012

Deputy District Attorney Janelle Crandell

District Attorney Investigator Thomas Sage

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- 4b. *Describe what kind of training/outreach you provided in Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to local Special Investigative Units, public and private sectors to enhance the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud; and/or coordination with the Fraud Division, insurers, or other entities.*

Amador County Fraud Awareness Seminar

Our fraud unit, in coordination with the Department of Insurance and the Amador County Senior Center, successfully organized and held the first Amador County Fraud Awareness Seminar. The seminar was a one-day event educating the community about various types of fraud and showcased speakers and exhibitions from our office, the Department of Insurance, Health Insurance Care and Advocacy, California Highway Patrol and the Contractors State Licensing Board. Topics included auto insurance fraud, workers' compensation fraud, life and annuity fraud, Medicare fraud and identity theft.

Mass Public Events

Our office also successfully participated in the Amador County Fair. Members of our office are present at a fair exhibit booth providing information to the community about our office's efforts to combat auto insurance fraud. Information is also presented regarding the common types of fraud committed in the area, as well as steps to take in order to report suspected fraud to our agency. The Amador County Fair is attended by over 58,000 people over the course of four days. This outreach promotes our office's fight against auto insurance fraud by personally meeting individuals of the community and providing the opportunity to have one on one conversation.

Amador County Chamber of Commerce

Our fraud unit established strong personal relationships with the community by joining the Amador County Chamber of Commerce. This membership provides our unit with the resources to connect with over 400 businesses in the Amador County area.

Local Media Outlets

Our fraud unit participated in numerous televised interviews and question/answer sessions to discuss the effects of fraud in the community and how our office is fighting this epidemic. The interview sessions were broadcast throughout Amador and Calaveras Counties. In conjunction with television, our unit's activities and events were also mentioned on the local radio station of Amador and Calaveras Counties.

Special Investigative Unit Outreach

Our attendance at the insurance fraud conferences provides us with an opportunity to network with representatives from the SIU's, introduce them to our multi-county program and seek referrals. Through this outreach, we have discussed case strategy and legal issues.

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4c. *Describe what kind of training/outreach you plan to provide in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 to local Special Investigative Units, and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud; and/or coordination with the Fraud Division, insurers, or other entities.*

Chamber of Commerce Membership

Our unit will continue to participate in networking events and mixers through our membership with the Amador County Chamber of Commerce. In addition, we will be joining the Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce. We will take advantage of other outreach opportunities within the Chambers such as online announcements, mailing lists and sponsorship possibilities.

Amador County Fraud Awareness Seminar

In coordination with the Department of Insurance and the Amador County Senior Center, our fraud unit will plan on organizing and hosting the 2nd annual Amador County Fraud Awareness Seminar. Based on the success of last fiscal year's awareness seminar, we are hoping to reach more members of the community and speak on broader topics concerning fraud in the area. In addition, it will be our goal to involve the neighboring county of Calaveras.

Media Promotion

Our office will utilize local newspapers and newsletters to announce convictions of automobile fraud. Specific releases will be publicized to describe the activity committed constituting fraud, court proceedings initiated against the individuals as well as consequences they face due to their fraudulent actions.

Mass Public Events

Our office will continue to participate in mass public events such as festivals, fairs and forums throughout the three counties. We are already scheduled to be attend the Amador County Fair in July. Members of our office will be present at a fair exhibit booth providing information to the community about our office's efforts to combat automobile insurance fraud. The Amador County Fair is attended by over 58,000 people over the course of four days. This outreach has been extremely successful in the past in allowing members of our team to personally meet and speak with the public.

Training

Our fraud unit will continue to assist patrol officers in order to better detect and investigate automobile insurance fraud and economic car thefts in our counties. We will also inform patrol officers of insurance fraud trends. Past training efforts have resulted in increased referrals and requests for assistance from our local law enforcement agencies.

Outreach to Special Investigative Units

We will initiate contact with representatives from Special Investigative Units (SIU) to introduce them to our multi-county program and to provide them with contact information to facilitate dual reporting requirements for suspected workers' compensation fraud cases.

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5. *Describe the county's efforts and the District Attorney's plan to obtain restitution and fines imposed by the court to the Automobile Fraud Account.*

During the initial review of every fraud case, we identify the estimated chargeable fraud and estimated restitution. We seek full restitution for all identified victims in addition to fines. In some cases, we obtain stipulated restitution amounts at the time of the guilty plea, which saves resources because it eliminates the need for separate restitution hearings. Our unit also maintains a quarterly record for the actual amount of restitution collected in each case. In addition, our office works personally with revenue departments and the court system to enforce efforts in the collection of restitution. Our office had a significant increase in the amount of restitution ordered and collected. Within the last two fiscal years, we have obtained court orders totaling \$74,737.23 in restitution and have collected over \$33,654 from Defendants.

For those defendants sentenced to state prison we will work with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to request their assistance with the collection of restitution from prisoners using CDCR Form 1707, which garnishes inmate wages.

6. *Identify performance objectives that the county would consider attainable and would have a significant impact in reducing automobile insurance fraud.*
- a. 30 new investigations will be initiated during FY 2013-2014.
 - b. 20 new prosecutions will be initiated during FY 2013-2014.

Based on our prior history for our two combined counties, we anticipate receiving forty (40) new fraud referrals. We anticipate thirty (30) new investigations including thirty (30) cases carried over from the previous fiscal year. We anticipate twenty (20) new prosecutions including twenty (20) carried over from the previous fiscal year.

7. *If you are asking for an increase over the amount of grant funds received last fiscal year, please provide a brief description of how you plan to utilize the additional funds?*

Increase in Personnel Expenses

The personnel expenses for the 13/14 fiscal year reflect a modest increase over our 12/13 modified budget. This increase is due to promotions, step increases, longevity increases and cost of living allowance adjustments. In addition, we are requesting a slight increase in funding to support additional hours for our deputy district attorney and investigator to adequately address this year's increase in automobile fraud crimes.

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FORM 10

**BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL
PERSONNEL SERVICES**

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL		COST
A. Personnel Services - Salaries/Employee Benefits		
1. Chief Assistant District Attorney, .015 FTE, (31.3 hours), 1.5%		
Salary		1,982
Benefits		<u>742</u>
		2,724
2. Deputy District Attorney III, .12 FTE, (250.6 hours), 12%		
Salary		16,311
Benefits		<u>5,277</u>
		21,588
3. Chief Investigator, .015 FTE, (31.3 hours), 1.5%		
Salary		1,928
Benefits		<u>1,068</u>
		2,996
4. District Attorney Investigator, .10 FTE, (208.8 hours), 10%		
Salary		13,781
Benefits		<u>8,875</u>
		22,656
5. Legal Secretary, .10 FTE, (208.8 hours), 10%		
Salary		5,172
Benefits		<u>3,718</u>
		8,890
6. Legal Assistant, .10 FTE, (208.8 hours), 10%		
Salary		6,260
Benefits		<u>2,066</u>
		8,326
CATEGORY TOTAL		\$ 67,180

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FORM 11

**BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL
OPERATING EXPENSES**

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	
B. Operating Expenses	COST
Indirect/Admin. Cost Allocation (10% of personnel salaries excluding benefits)	4,543
Vehicle Expense (Includes estimated fuel and maintenance costs)	4,200
Training	1,000
Outreach	1,500
Office Expenses	842
Witness Fees and Travel Costs	200
Communications	200
Audit	1,200
Printing	100
Confidential Funds Expenditures	250
Memberships	150
TOTAL	\$ 14,185

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FORM 12

**BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES**

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE ITEM DETAIL	
C. Equipment	COST
EQUIPMENT CATEGORY TOTAL	\$ -
OPERATING EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 14,185
PERSONNEL TOTAL	\$ 67,180
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$ 81,365

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FORM 13

EQUIPMENT LOG

EQUIPMENT LOGS

Equipment Log for FY 2012/13
County of Amador

Equipment Ordered	Equipment Cost	Date Ordered	Date Received	Serial Number	Equipment Tag Number
No Equipment Budgeted/Ordered					

I certify this report is accurate and in accordance with approved Grant Award Agreement

Name: Kim Holland

Title: Legal Assistant

Signature:



Date: June 21, 2013

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ATTACHMENT A

JOINT PLAN

**JOINT PLAN
FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION
OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD
IN AMADOR COUNTY AND CALAVERAS COUNTY
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

I. STATEMENT OF GOALS

- A. The Sacramento Regional Office of the California Department of Insurance Fraud Division and the Office of the Amador County District Attorney agree to adopt this joint plan for the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud. The overall shared mission of the agencies is to achieve the most effective investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud cases in Amador County and Calaveras County.

This joint plan intends to ensure the orderly processing of cases, prevent unnecessary duplication of investigative efforts and maximize the efficiency of grant-funded resources. The joint plan creates a framework for resource management, communication and effective use of program funds.

- B. Both agencies recognize that establishing and maintaining a team approach is essential to effectively combating automobile insurance fraud. This type of fraud requires investigators and prosecutors to confer early and develop a comprehensive investigative plan. It also requires the parties to maintain the teamwork approach during litigation, trial and sentencing phases.
- C. The terms of the joint plan shall also apply to investigations by the District Attorney's Office with other law enforcement agencies.

II. CASE INTAKE

A. Definitions

- 1) Suspected Fraudulent Claim (SFC): A brief report or referral form (FD-1) describing a suspected fraudulent incident or practice.
- 2) Documented Case Referral (DCR): A comprehensive case, referred to the Fraud Division or the District Attorney's Office that substantially complies with case filing requirements.

B. Intake Procedure

Each SFC or DCR received by the Department of Insurance Fraud Division (Fraud Division) will be reviewed within ten (10) business days. Based on the review, the Fraud Division will open an investigation or request additional information from the referring source or decline to open an investigation. The Fraud Division will notify the District Attorney's Office of any action taken.

C. Intake of SFC by the District Attorney's Office

Each SFC received by the District Attorney's Office will be reviewed within ten (10) business days of receipt. The District Attorney's Office will immediately notify the Fraud Division of its recommended investigative plan. The notification shall include the suspect's name, insurance carrier or administrator and the insurance claim number. If additional information is needed, a request from the referring agency shall be made within twenty (20) business days of receipt of the SFC.

D. Intake of DCR by the District Attorney's Office

Each DCR received by the District Attorney's Office will be reviewed by a prosecutor within twenty (20) business days of receipt. The District Attorney's Office will immediately notify the Fraud Division of its recommended investigative plan. The notification shall include the suspect's name, insurance carrier or administrator and the insurance claim number. After review, a prosecutor will either open an investigation, request additional information from the referring agency or decline to open an investigation.

E. Requesting Additional Information

If additional information is needed for a DCR, a request shall be made within twenty (20) business days of receipt of the DCR.

F. Decline to Prosecute DCR

If the District Attorney's Office plans to decline prosecution of a DCR submitted by the Fraud Division, the prosecutor shall promptly notify an investigator from the Fraud Division to ensure all relevant information has been submitted for review. If the DCR originates from another agency, the prosecutor will notify the referring agency in writing of its decision within twenty (20) business days of receipt or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible.

III. CASE ASSIGNMENT

A. Mandatory Reporting to Fraud Division and DA Office

The law requires that an insurer who knows or reasonably suspects that a fraudulent act has been committed to report this information to the Department of Insurance. In order to avoid duplication of investigative efforts, the Fraud Division and the District Attorney's Office will immediately exchange information about all SFC and DCR received that require investigation. Each case selected for investigation will be assigned an investigator and a prosecutor who will work together as a team.

B. Fraud Division Case Assignment

Upon a decision by the Fraud Division to open a new investigation, the Fraud Division shall contact the District Attorney's Office within five (5) business days to determine whether the case has also been received by the District Attorney's Office. If the District Attorney's Office has not assigned the case to a DA investigator, a supervisor from the Fraud Division will assign the case to a Fraud Division investigator. The Fraud Division shall notify the District Attorney's Office that an investigation has been opened, and mail a copy of the SFC or DCR to the District Attorney's Office. Within thirty (30) business days of receipt of the case, the parties will schedule a meeting to discuss the merits of the case and establish an investigative plan.

C. District Attorney Case Assignment for Other Law Enforcement Agencies

If the referring agency for the SFC or DCR is a law enforcement agency other than the Fraud Division, the District Attorney's Office will immediately contact the Fraud Division to determine if a SFC or DCR has been received. The District Attorney's Office will also schedule a meeting with the referring agency to discuss the merits of the case and establish an investigative plan within thirty (30) business days of receipt of the referral.

D. District Attorney Case Assignment for Non-Law Enforcement Agencies

If the referring agency is an insurance company or other non-law enforcement agency, the District Attorney's Office will immediately contact the Fraud Division to determine if a SFC or DCR has been received. Depending on the availability of resources, the Fraud Division will assign an investigator or request the District Attorney's Office coordinate the investigation. Within thirty (30) business days of assignment, the prosecutor and investigator will schedule a meeting to develop an investigative plan of action.

IV. COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

A. Team Meetings

The Fraud Division investigator and the prosecutor from the District Attorney's Office shall communicate with each other regarding their cases as often as needed or at a minimum of at least every twenty (20) business days. The District Attorney's Office and a supervisor from the Fraud Division will continually exchange information concerning the investigations to avoid any duplication.

B. Monthly Exchange of Case Information

During the first week of each month, a supervisor from the Fraud Division will send a list of all open automobile insurance fraud investigations to the District Attorney's Office. Likewise, during the first week of each month the District Attorney's Office will send a report to the Fraud Division detailing the status of all open cases.

V. INVESTIGATION

A. Investigation and Prosecution Plan

Upon opening an investigation, 1) an investigative plan will be discussed and agreed upon by the parties. 2) A brief summary of the case will be entered into the unit case reports. 3) A case log describing the progress of the investigation will be included in the case file.

B. Undercover Operations

The Fraud Division and the District Attorney's Office will work together in carrying out undercover operations, which assist in detecting and eliminating automobile insurance fraud. The parties shall develop and coordinate a plan with shared responsibilities and resources for each undercover operation. Specific duties will be determined and assigned for the preparation and execution of search warrants. Upon request, the District Attorney's Office shall provide direction for the recording of communications pursuant to California Penal Code Section 633. The District Attorney's Office shall also make available a prosecutor to review search warrants for legal issues before submission to a judge.

C. Investigation After Filing of Criminal Charges

If the investigation results in criminal charges, the prosecutor may request the preparation of an arrest warrant from the investigator. The District Attorney's Office shall make available a prosecutor to review arrest warrants for legal issues before submission to a judge. After the filing of criminal charges, the prosecutor and investigator will continue to meet regularly, until a final disposition of the case, in order to ensure the needs of the case are met.

VI. CASE FILING PROCEDURE

A. Expedited Filing Decisions

Every effort shall be made by the parties to complete the investigation as soon as practical. Once an investigation is considered complete, a filing decision will be made within thirty business days (30) or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible.

B. Uniform Crime Charging

Prosecutors shall apply appropriate legal principals when evaluating a case for criminal charges. In compliance with the policies of the Office of the Amador County District Attorney, a deputy district attorney who reviews a case will attempt to determine whether there is sufficient admissible evidence to convict the accused of a specific criminal act. The final decision of whether to file criminal charges belongs to the district attorney.

C. Charging Requirements for Criminal Cases

A deputy district attorney shall file criminal charges only if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

1. Based on a complete investigation and a thorough consideration of all pertinent information readily available, the deputy district attorney is satisfied that the evidence shows the accused is guilty of the crime to be charged; and
2. There is sufficient legally admissible evidence of a corpus delicti; and
3. There is sufficient legally admissible evidence of the identity of the perpetrator of the crime; and
4. The deputy district attorney has considered the probability of a conviction by an objective fact-finder hearing the admissible evidence and has considered the evidence necessary to satisfy the legal proof of a criminal case; and
5. The admissible evidence is of such convincing force that it would warrant conviction of the crime charged by a reasonable and objective fact-finder after hearing all the evidence available at the time of charging and after hearing the most plausible, reasonably foreseeable defenses that could be raised under the evidence presented.

D. Decline to Prosecute Process

If after a complete review of the case the prosecutor decides not to file criminal charges, the prosecutor will contact and consult with the Fraud Division to discuss the reasons for not filing the case. Both parties understand that not every case may result in criminal prosecution. A case may be declined for prosecution when the evidence does not develop as expected, material witnesses are no longer available, the reasonable likelihood of a conviction is minimal and the case lacks jury appeal or other unforeseen circumstances develop. The parties will attempt to avoid such situations, so as not to expend investigative resources on cases that will not result in a criminal prosecution.

VII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. Any disputes relating to case management, declining to open an investigation, declining to prosecute or other case related issues shall be handled as follows:

The good of the case and the insurance program shall be of paramount importance in resolving any issues. Thus, the prosecutor and the investigator will attempt to handle the matter informally between themselves. Both parties agree that while the investigative phase is primarily the responsibility of the investigator, with input from the prosecutor, ultimately the prosecutor has the decision-making authority regarding case filing and the evidence that will be necessary for court and legal proceedings.

- B. If the informal resolution process fails to achieve the desired result, the investigator or district attorney may request a review by their respective supervisors. The supervisors may utilize other informal or formal methods to resolve the situation including a meeting to discuss the issues.
- C. If necessary, the Chief Investigator of the Fraud Division and the supervising prosecutor from the Amador County District Attorney's Office or the Chief Investigator of the District Attorney's Office may be called upon to assist in resolving a dispute while focusing on the best interests of the overall insurance program.
- D. If a Fraud Division investigator disagrees with a decision by a prosecutor who declines to file criminal charges, the investigator may request an independent review of the case by timely contacting a supervising prosecutor from the Amador County District Attorney's Office.

VIII. TRAINING

- A. Training for Investigators and Prosecutors

Parties have been, and will continue to be, active participants in the annual California District Attorney's Association and the California Department of Insurance fraud training seminar. This seminar provides a significant portion of the ongoing training of both parties in the area of insurance fraud.

- B. Public Outreach

The District Attorney's Office and the Fraud Division will work together to present training seminars and presentations on issues important to the detection, investigation, and prosecution of insurance fraud cases. Presentations will be made to Special Investigations Unit (SIU), self-insured employers, third party administrators, and other interested groups. The seminars should utilize personnel from the Fraud Division and the District Attorney's Office and should include information on how to detect, investigate and report suspected insurance fraud.

IX. MODIFICATIONS TO JOINT PLAN

- A. Updates and Modifications

Regional Supervisors from the Fraud Division shall meet at least twice a year with representatives from the District Attorney's Office in order to review the working relationship between the agencies, discuss caseload progress and set caseload priorities. If necessary, the joint plan will be reviewed and updated by agreement of the parties.

Todd D. Riebe, District Attorney of Amador County, and Marty York, Chief Investigator of the Sacramento Regional Office of the California Department of Insurance Fraud Division agree to the provisions of this Joint Plan for Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 on behalf of their respective agencies.

Office of the Amador County District Attorney

Department of Insurance Fraud Division

By: Todd D. Riebe
TODD D. RIEBE
District Attorney, Amador County

By: Marty York
MARTY YORK
Chief Investigator
Sacramento Regional Office

Date: 3/14/13

Date: 3/12/13

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ATTACHMENT B

CASE DESCRIPTIONS

**Automobile Insurance Fraud Program
Fiscal Year 2011-12**

THIS ATTACHMENT IS SUBMITTED AS A SEPARATE ADDENDUM TO THE APPLICATION AND IS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

1. Please include in this attachment information considered confidential, specifically criminal investigations, whether active or inactive.
2. Briefly describe all cases either being investigated and/or pending prosecution during Fiscal Year 2012-13.
3. Include those being worked jointly with CDI. (These descriptions shall also include investigated cases with no result.) List case prosecutor(s) and investigator(s).
4. Under Description, provide a brief overview of specific case activity (i.e. number of suspects, fraud type, criminal activity discovered.)
5. Outcomes achieved through county or other funding sources shall be designated separately.

Name	Investigation Case #	Prosecutor(s)/ Investigator(s)	Date Assigned	Description
Cucuk, Kelly	12/13AF08	DDA Janelle Crandell, Invest. Tom Sage	09/19/12	One suspect believed to have committed applicant fraud. Suspect reported her vehicle stolen to CHP. The vehicle was found burned that same day. Suspect reported the above to her insurance company. She is believed to have staged the incident. Potential fraud is approximately \$8,500.
Giordano, Jesse	12/13AF07	DDA Janelle Crandell, Invest. Tom Sage	09/19/12	One suspect alleged to have committed applicant fraud. Suspect was involved in an accident and provided after-acquired insurance information to CHP the following day. Potential fraud is approximately \$5,000.
Carney, Andrew	12/13AF26-1	DDA Janelle Crandell, Invest. Tom Sage	06/12/13	Co-Suspect in economic car theft case. Suspect alleged to have used car without permission and later tried to sell vehicle to another person. Potential fraud is approximately \$5,000.
Wilson, Ashley	12/13AF26-2	DDA Janelle Crandell, Invest. Tom Sage	06/12/13	Co-Suspect in economic car theft case. Suspect alleged to have used car without permission and later tried to sell vehicle to another person. Potential fraud is approximately \$5,000.

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ATTACHMENT C

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENTS


**OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
OFFICE OF THE CALAVERAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
AND
OFFICE OF THE AMADOR COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD
DURING FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the OFFICE OF THE CALAVERAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY intends to work together with the OFFICE OF THE AMADOR COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY toward the mutual goal of providing the maximum available assistance for victims of automobile insurance fraud and the prosecution of defendants charged with automobile insurance fraud.


We, the undersigned, agree to designate investigative and prosecutorial staff to represent the Office of the Calaveras County District Attorney for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting automobile insurance fraud occurring in Calaveras County.

We, the undersigned, agree that the Office of the Amador County District Attorney and the California Department of Insurance will reimburse the Office of the Calaveras County District Attorney for any actual expenses incurred by the Office of the Calaveras County District Attorney in the prosecution of automobile insurance fraud.

We, the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Office of the Calaveras County District Attorney and the Office of the Amador County District Attorney, do hereby approve this agreement.



TODD D. RIEBE
Amador County District Attorney



BARBARA M. YOOK
Calaveras County District Attorney

4/17/13

Date

4/15/13

Date

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ATTACHMENT D

OUTREACH

Top Ten Stolen Cars For 2010

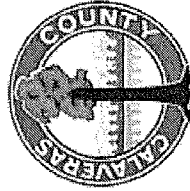
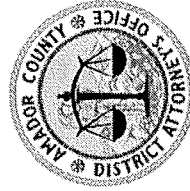
1. 1994 Honda Accord
2. 1995 Honda Civic
3. 1989 Toyota Camry
4. 1997 Ford F-150 Pickup
5. 2004 Dodge Ram Pickup
6. 2000 Dodge Caravan
7. 1996 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
8. 1994 Acura Integra
9. 1999 Ford Taurus
10. 2002 Ford Explorer

**Modesto ranked 2nd highest in auto thefts in the Nation
Stockton ranked 4th highest in auto thefts in the Nation



Our Mission Statement

Our mission and operational objectives are to enhance, intensify and strengthen local, county and state law enforcement efforts at reducing the incidence of vehicle theft in Amador and Calaveras County.



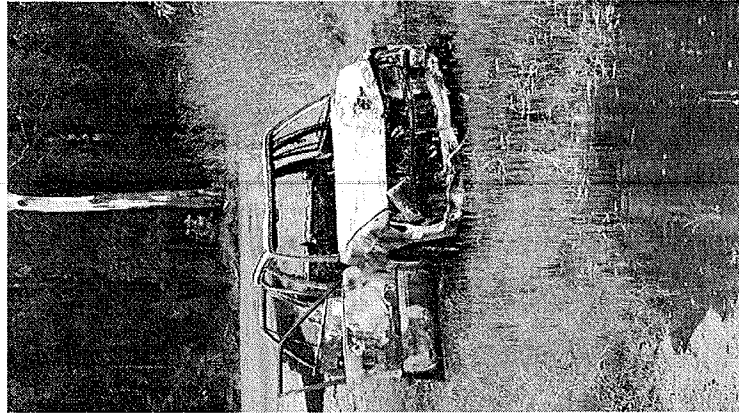
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Auto Insurance
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An auto theft occurs about every 26
seconds in the United States

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Who We Are

The Amador County District Attorney's Office works in conjunction with the Department of Insurance, the California Highway Patrol, local law enforcement, and the insurance industry to combat auto related insurance fraud and vehicle theft in Amador and Calaveras Counties. The office targets organized auto theft activities such as auto theft rings, staged accidents, false insurance claims, auto body repair shops that repair vehicles with substandard parts not authorized by an insurance provider, chop shops and individuals that falsely report their vehicles stolen or burn their vehicles to derive monetary compensation from an insurance provider.

The goal of targeting and aggressively prosecuting insurance fraud participants is to reduce insurance premiums which are passed on to law-abiding policy holders due to fraudulent claims.

CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF INSURANCE

"To protect the public from economic loss and distress by actively investigating and arresting those who commit insurance fraud and to reduce the overall incidence of insurance fraud through anti-fraud outreach to the public, private and government sectors"

Reporting Auto Theft

Do you have information about the following theft activities?

- Auto thieves and their associates
- Someone who is currently driving a stolen vehicle
- Persons involved in VIN switching
- Vehicles that are equipped with stolen engines and/or transmissions
- Activities consistent with chop shops (residential or business)

Contact us at: (209) 223-6444

(All information will remain confidential upon request)

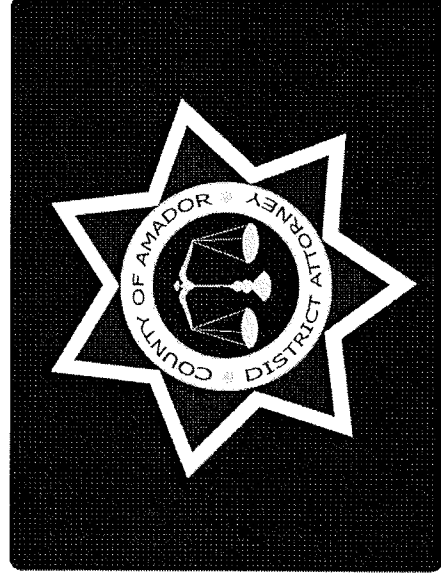


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Guard yourself against fraud

The Amador County District Attorney's office, along with the Department of Insurance and the Amador Senior Center, invite one and all to attend the Amador County Fraud Awareness Seminar, on Tuesday, March 19, from 1:30 to 5 p.m., at the Amador Senior Center, located at 229 New York Ranch Road, in Jackson.

This is a free seminar that will bring in speakers from the Department of Insurance, the Contractors State License Board, and Health Insurance Care and Advocacy, who will educate the public

about various types of fraud, including automobile insurance fraud, life insurance and annuity fraud, Medicare fraud, social media fraud (such as Facebook and Twitter), workers' compensation fraud, and unlicensed contractor and construction concerns.

Fraud is not a victimless crime. It does not only affect the aging, the young, the wealthy, the poor, the under-educated or the infirmed. Fraud, done well, can affect anyone. Don't become a victim of fraud. Knowledge is your best protection.

Students write essays on women they admire

Today, Friday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m., join the students and faculty of Lone and Jackson junior high schools as they celebrate our collective history, and honor the winners of the second annual Jr. High Essay Contest, sponsored by the Amador Branch of the American Association of University Women.

The students of both schools were invited to write a short essay about "A Women I Admire." The top essayists,

from each school will be showcased.

The public is welcome, at no cost for this one-hour celebration of their achievements. Show your support for the efforts of our local students, and their teachers. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Mary Thorpe, at 245-3715, or wetwo@volcano.net, or Patricia McHugh, at 296-4704, bluemoon@volcano.net, should you have questions.

FREE SEMINAR
COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS

**DON'T BECOME A VICTIM
OF FRAUD . . . KNOWLEDGE IS
YOUR BEST PROTECTION**

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
AMADOR COUNTY FRAUD AWARENESS SEMINAR

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013
1:30-5:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION
AMADOR SENIOR CENTER
229 NEW YORK RANCH ROAD
JACKSON, CA 95642
(209)223-0442**

Topics Include:

**Automobile Insurance Fraud - Life Insurance and Annuity Fraud
Medicare Fraud - Social Media (Facebook/Twitter)
Workers' Compensation Fraud - Unlicensed Contractor/Construction Issues**

Featured Speakers:

**Brian Farnsworth, Department of Insurance
Christine Hara, Department of Insurance
Gary Brown, Department of Insurance
Marco Bautista, Contractors State License Board
Barbara Long, Health Insurance Care and Advocacy**

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California Body Shop Owner Sentenced in Farmers Insurance Fraud Case

Larry Robbins, owner of Frank's Frame and Body Shop, gets 36 months felony probation, 60 hours of community service, loss of BAR license and must pay \$28,000 in restitution.

The Amador County District Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the Calaveras County District Attorney's Office, obtained a "no contest" plea to a single count of insurance fraud from an auto body shop owner in Valley Springs, Calif., as a result of its investigation.

Larry Robbins, owner of Frank's Frame and Body Shop, was sentenced to 36 months felony probation, 60 hours of community service, ordered to surrender his Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) license and pay approximately \$28,000 in restitution.

The investigation involved post-repair inspections of vehicles repaired by Robbins' shop. Farmers Insurance, SIU Major Operations Unit, conducted post-repair inspections on Farmers insured vehicles and supplied the inspection documentation to the Amador County District Attorney's Office and the BAR for investigation. In 2011, the California Attorney General, on behalf of the BAR, filed formal accusations, alleging fraud, misleading statements and departure from accepted trade standards.

"This case illustrates the cost of fraud for auto repair shops and owners," said Sean Zavala, Farmers Director of Special Investigations. "The shop owner has been ordered to surrender his BAR license and pay significant restitution. We will assist law enforcement on criminal matters and file our own civil actions when appropriate to deter anyone who submits a false insurance claim. It's our commitment to our policyholders to protect their premium dollars."

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Two Calif. Shop Owners: One Arrested, One Sentenced for Fraud

Written by staff

The Amador County District Attorneys Office, in conjunction with the Calaveras County District Attorneys Office, obtained a “no contest” plea to a single count of insurance fraud from a body shop owner in Valley Springs, CA, as a result of an investigation.

Larry Robbins, owner of Franks Frame and Body Shop, was sentenced to 36 months felony probation, 60 hours of community service, ordered to surrender his Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) license and pay approximately \$28,000 in restitution.

The investigation involved post repair inspections of vehicles repaired by Robbin’s shop, Franks Frame and Body Shop, 127 Main Street, Valley Springs, California. Farmers Insurance, SIU Major Operations Unit, conducted post repair inspections on Farmers insured vehicles and supplied the inspection documentation to the Amador County District Attorneys Office and California Bureau of Automotive Repair for investigation. In 2011, The California Attorney General, on behalf of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, filed formal accusations, alleging; fraud, misleading statements and departure from accepted trade standards.

“This case illustrates the cost of fraud for Auto Repair shops and owners. The shop owner has been ordered to surrender his BAR license and pay significant restitution,” stated Sean Zavala, Farmers Director of Special Investigations. “We will assist law enforcement on criminal matters and file our own civil actions when appropriate to deter anyone who submits false insurance claim. It is our commitment to our policyholders to protect their premium dollars,” Zavala added.

In a separate case, Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office, in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol Insurance Fraud Task Force served Santa Clara shop owner Dong Suk Choi with an arrest warrant on one felony count of Insurance Fraud.

The investigation involved the re-inspection of one vehicle previously repaired by Choi’s repair shop, Choice Auto Body at 1975 Lafayette Street in Santa Clara, California. The re-inspection was conducted by Farmers Insurance, Major Operations Unit in cooperation with an Investigator from the California Highway Patrol Insurance Fraud Task Force, Golden Gate Division ISU. The Investigators found that Choi had not completed the repairs according to the agreed upon estimates including the repair of items that were written to be replaced in the insurance estimates.

Farmers says it applauds the efforts of the Santa Clara District Attorney’s Offices and the Amador and Calaveras County District Attorneys Offices and the California, Bureau of Automotive Repair for their ongoing efforts in the fight against insurance fraud.

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ATTACHMENT E

COUNTY FACTS



State & County QuickFacts

Amador County, California

People QuickFacts	Amador	
	County	California
Population, 2012 estimate	37,035	38,041,430
Population, 2010 (April 1) estimates base	38,091	37,253,956
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012	-2.8%	2.1%
Population, 2010	38,091	37,253,956
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2011	3.7%	6.7%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2011	16.4%	24.6%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2011	21.5%	11.7%
Female persons, percent, 2011	45.6%	50.3%
White persons, percent, 2011 (a)	90.4%	74.0%
Black persons, percent, 2011 (a)	2.8%	6.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2011 (a)	2.1%	1.7%
Asian persons, percent, 2011 (a)	1.3%	13.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander persons, percent, 2011 (a)	0.2%	0.5%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2011	3.2%	3.6%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino Origin, percent, 2011 (b)	12.9%	38.1%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2011	79.3%	39.7%
Living in same house 1 year & over, percent, 2007-2011	85.9%	84.2%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2007-2011	5.8%	27.2%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent age 5+, 2007-2011	8.1%	43.2%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2007-2011	87.3%	80.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2007-2011	18.8%	30.2%
Veterans, 2007-2011	5,210	1,997,566
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2007-2011	28.3	27.0
Housing units, 2011	18,115	13,720,462
Homeownership rate, 2007-2011	78.5%	56.7%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2007-2011	7.5%	30.8%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2007-2011	\$318,400	\$421,600
Households, 2007-2011	14,283	12,433,172
Persons per household, 2007-2011	2.35	2.91
Per capita money income in the past 12 months (2011 dollars), 2007-2011	\$28,030	\$29,634
Median household income, 2007-2011	\$56,180	\$61,632
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2007-2011	10.0%	14.4%
Business QuickFacts	Amador	
	County	California
Private nonfarm establishments, 2010	781	849,875 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, 2010	7,837	12,536,402 ¹
Private nonfarm employment, percent change, 2000-2010	6.2	-2.7 ¹
Nonemployer establishments, 2010	2,729	2,814,409
Total number of firms, 2007	3,491	3,425,510
Black-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	4.0%
American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	1.3%
Asian-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	14.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	0.3%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	16.5%

Women-owned firms, percent, 2007	23.0%	30.3%
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Manufacturers shipments, 2007 (\$1000)	142,958	491,372,092
Merchant wholesaler sales, 2007 (\$1000)	D	598,456,486
Retail sales, 2007 (\$1000)	1,800,754	455,032,270
Retail sales per capita, 2007	\$46,797	\$12,561
Accommodation and food services sales, 2007 (\$1000)	61,202	80,852,787
Building permits, 2011	80	45,471

Geography QuickFacts	Amador	
	County	California
Land area in square miles, 2010	594.58	155,779.22
Persons per square mile, 2010	64.1	239.1
FIPS Code	005	06
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	None	

1: Includes data not distributed by county.

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race.

(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.

D: Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information

F: Fewer than 100 firms

FN: Footnote on this item for this area in place of data

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Source U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts. Data derived from Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits, Consolidated Federal Funds Report
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State & County QuickFacts

Calaveras County, California

People QuickFacts	Calaveras	
	County	California
Population, 2012 estimate	44,742	38,041,430
Population, 2010 (April 1) estimates base	45,578	37,253,956
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012	-1.8%	2.1%
Population, 2010	45,578	37,253,956
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2011	4.3%	6.7%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2011	19.1%	24.6%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2011	21.8%	11.7%
Female persons, percent, 2011	50.0%	50.3%
White persons, percent, 2011 (a)	92.2%	74.0%
Black persons, percent, 2011 (a)	1.0%	6.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2011 (a)	1.8%	1.7%
Asian persons, percent, 2011 (a)	1.4%	13.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander persons, percent, 2011 (a)	0.2%	0.5%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2011	3.4%	3.6%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino Origin, percent, 2011 (b)	10.8%	38.1%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2011	82.9%	39.7%
Living in same house 1 year & over, percent, 2007-2011	88.9%	84.2%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2007-2011	4.3%	27.2%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent age 5+, 2007-2011	7.1%	43.2%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2007-2011	92.4%	80.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2007-2011	20.7%	30.2%
Veterans, 2007-2011	5,752	1,997,566
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2007-2011	36.2	27.0
Housing units, 2011	28,002	13,720,462
Homeownership rate, 2007-2011	78.7%	56.7%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2007-2011	4.0%	30.8%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2007-2011	\$312,000	\$421,600
Households, 2007-2011	18,865	12,433,172
Persons per household, 2007-2011	2.40	2.91
Per capita money income in the past 12 months (2011 dollars), 2007-2011	\$28,667	\$29,634
Median household income, 2007-2011	\$55,256	\$61,632
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2007-2011	8.3%	14.4%
Business QuickFacts	Calaveras	
	County	California
Private nonfarm establishments, 2010	929	849,875 ²
Private nonfarm employment, 2010	5,621	12,536,402 ²
Private nonfarm employment, percent change, 2000-2010	-2.4	-2.7 ²
Nonemployer establishments, 2010	3,537	2,814,409
Total number of firms, 2007	5,365	3,425,510
Black-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	4.0%
American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	1.3%
Asian-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	14.9%
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Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	16.5%

Women-owned firms, percent, 2007	24.7%	30.3%
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Manufacturers shipments, 2007 (\$1000)	0 ¹	491,372,092
Merchant wholesaler sales, 2007 (\$1000)	24,179	598,456,486
Retail sales, 2007 (\$1000)	292,762	455,032,270
Retail sales per capita, 2007	\$6,249	\$12,561
Accommodation and food services sales, 2007 (\$1000)	42,359	80,852,787
Building permits, 2011	29	45,471

Geography QuickFacts	Calaveras	
	County	California
Land area in square miles, 2010	1,020.01	155,779.22
Persons per square mile, 2010	44.7	239.1
FIPS Code	009	06
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	None	

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